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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.

## President's Letter

### Observations on Rain Day.

Even though we don't sponsor it, the Chamber serves as a media point of contact.

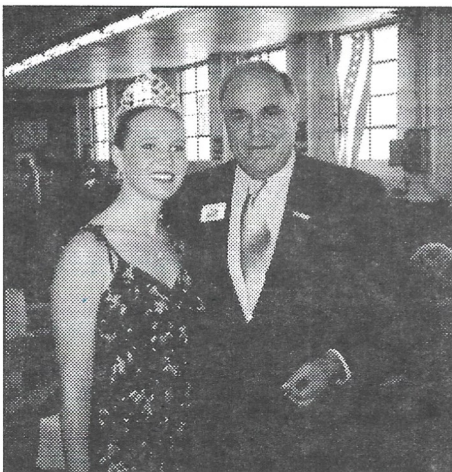
Therefore, it was great to be awakened to the dulcet tones of our Executive Director being interviewed on National Public Radio. Even sweeter was the touch of class she introduced by describing the event as a "community gathering" and the courthouse as a "beautiful Georgian structure."

Throughout the day, I received e-mail from my son in Colorado, and the many college alumni who heard the interview and were impressed by the positive spin. You go girl!

Rain Day is a unique, quirky, light-hearted, homegrown, and wholesome family festival. It was good to see Waynesburg get some media respect for the event.

Now if only it hadn't been too hot for funnel cake!

Sincerely,  
Charles Perrine  
President



*Making her final appearance as Miss Rain Day 2001, Angela Bertugli meets Ed Rendell, candidate for Pennsylvania Governor when he made a stop in Waynesburg recently. Angela is a Political Science major at W&J College and one day hopes to become a senator. Good Luck Angie and thanks for representing the Chamber of Commerce at this function.*

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

### Another Rain Day Pageant in the books!!

On July 21st, the Chamber crowned Miss Rain Day 2002, Rachel Marie Burack of Greensboro. She will represent the Chamber for the next year at various functions throughout the county. One of the most enjoyable duties as Director is to handle her schedule, accompany her on a few events and really get to know her. At the same time, one of my saddest duties is saying good bye to the previous Miss Rain Day after a year of developing a friendship. And this year is no different as I say good bye to Miss Rain Day 2001, Angela Bertugli of Rices Landing. Angela served in her capacity of Miss Rain Day in grand style during the past year. I enjoyed getting to know her and her family. And I know without a doubt that she will excel in all she sets out to do. Working with the contestants each year just reinforces that fact that we do things right here in Greene County. We turn out not only beautiful young ladies, but talented, intelligent and caring ones too! And every year I get to know a handful and spend a few weeks enjoying their company. And every year, I consider myself fortunate to have made their acquaintance.

Sincerely,  
Melody R. Longstreth  
Executive Director

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2002**  
**Noon • Golden Corral Steak House**

**SPEAKER: JOHN MCCALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**TOPIC: THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENE COUNTY**

*Networking Opportunity - Bring Your Business Cards for Door Prize Drawing*



*Rachel Burack and Angela Bertugli*



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Mr. Roland Daniels  
610 Apple Hill Road  
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Massage Therapist - Tri-State Health Care

## MEMBER PROFILES



### Greene County School-To-Work

The Mission of the Greene County School-To-Work Partnership is to engage businesses, communities, and labor to work collaboratively with education and government towards establishing a system to better prepare all students for the workforce and/or post secondary education by connecting integrated academics and technical learning with fundamental thinking skills and personal qualities necessary for success in the world of work. The Partnership has provided 1230 Job Shadowing placements for students; 172 Teacher internships at business sites through Educator in the Workplace; coordinated tours for 230 students to sites such as; U.S. Air Force Reserve Base, Allegheny County Coroner's Office, Sony Corporation, FBI Facility in Clarksburg, PA State Police Training Center (Greensburg), and the Pittsburgh Auto Show; implemented 13 school-run businesses; coordinated the Waynesburg Central Elementary School's Fifth grade Career Day with 30 businesses participating; assisted in the coordination of the Occupational and Career Awareness for 8th and 10th graders held at Waynesburg College and coordinated the countywide beautification projects involving 415 students over the past 5 years at the Kirby Welcome Center, First Federal Savings and Loan, Rices Landing, and Carmichaels Borough.

The School-To-Work Office is located at the Team PA CareerLink, 4 West High Street, Waynesburg, Pa. The phone number is 724-852-2900 ext. 225, fax 724-627-3982. The coordinator is Kathleen Gregg.

*If you would like to see your business profiled here, please contact the office at 724-627-5926 or send in the article with logo and photo if desired.*



## MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

A very 'warm' thank you goes out to Renee Jones of Fox Charter Service and Susan Stoy from Representative Bill DeWeese's office for spending one of the warmest and humid Rain Days on record in the Chamber's booth. As temperatures soared to 96 degrees at mid-day and the humidity went off the charts, these two toughed it out in the booth alongside the Executive Director and the Rain Day contestants. Bottled water, ice packs and paper fans weren't enough but everyone made it through and managed to sell over 100 tickets on the bicycle that was raffled off at 6:00 pm to the lucky winner, Alex Rockwell of Waynesburg. But the day that started at 8:00 am wasn't over until the booth was torn down and the Chamber office closed at 8:00 pm. Thanks for all your help Renee and Susan.

## Thanks and Congratulations

Thank you to Waynesburg McDonalds for providing gift certificates to be used as door prizes for the July General Membership meeting. Congratulations to Mary Pruss-Peacock, Keller and Chuck Trump-First Federal Savings and Loan for being the lucky winners of the door prizes.

## Articles For Publication

We always welcome your news articles and press releases concerning your business. Please submit material for the Chamber newsletter by the 1st day of each month for the month in which you would like it published. Photos are also encouraged. Inserts may be placed in the newsletter for a fee of \$65 and advertising rates are also available at \$20.00 per month for a business card size.

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## WELCOME SIGN GETS A FACELIFT

A very special thank you goes out to Kiwi Fence Company for doing some much needed repair work to the Chamber's welcome sign at the Fairgrounds. When the sign was moved after the barn fire a few years ago, several wires that hold the logo signs were damaged and weakened. Then earlier this year, one of the windstorms did some damage to several logo signs and the wires. Three of the logo signs were blown completely off of the sign and were found in the ravine between the fairgrounds and Bortz. The wind will have a tougher time now thanks to the folks at Kiwi Fence who brought out their equipment to tighten the wire and re-install the signs that remained in place just in time for the July 4th Celebration at the fairgrounds. A few signs are undergoing repair now and will be re-installed soon.

## CHINESE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

At the 2001 Annual Membership Banquet, the Educational Scholarship Fund Committee hosted a Chinese Auction which turned out to be a huge success in it's inaugural year. The committee will once again be coordinating a Chinese Auction which will take place on October 12th at the Annual Banquet. All proceeds from the auction will be placed into the Chamber's Educational Scholarship Fund which awards a \$1,500 scholarship annually to a Greene County student. At the event last year, members were approaching committee members volunteering items for this year's banquet. If you are interested in providing an item, gift certificate or funds to purchase an item on your behalf, please contact the Chamber office at 724-627-5926. This is a perfect opportunity to share your product and/or services with other chamber members. All donors receive recognition in the program and during the auction.

## INTERN FINISHES RAIN DAY PROJECT

Lindsay Blair, a student at California University of Pennsylvania, has spent June and July helping prepare for the Miss Rain Day Pageant and the Rain Day Festival and Booth. Many of you may have spoken with her on the phone as she completed one of several projects undertaken to fulfill her internship requirements. In addition to working at the Chamber, she also works at TGI Fridays in Washington, helps out in her father's business and took an amazing 19 credits this summer so she could graduate early! So if any of you are looking for a hard-working, delightful, motivated employee for a public relations position next summer after graduation, give the office a call and schedule an interview with one of the best interns we've had to date. Thanks Lindsay for all your hard work.

## UPCOMING TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Duquesne University Chrysler Corporation Small Business Development Center has announced it's fall training workshop schedule.

- August 22 - How to do Business in Africa
- September 4 - OuickBooks Advanced
- September 18 - How to Meet Your Organization's Goals Through Time Management

To receive a registration packet or for further information, please call (412) 396-6233.

**Behavior Assessment Workshop**  
Wednesday, September 18th 8:00-11:30am  
Holiday Inn Meadowlands \$95 per person  
includes workshop, book and breakfast  
Deadline to register is August 23rd.  
For more information call 412-831-9030.

## Chamber Polo Shirts and Hats Available

Green polo shirts with the Chamber logo embroidered in white are available to members at a cost of \$20 each, \$24 for XXL. Hats are available for \$12 each. Members are encouraged to purchase shirts and hats and wear them proudly to let everyone know that you support your Chamber of Commerce!!! To order, please contact the office.

## New WCCC Program To Prepare Students For Telecommunications Jobs

To help meet the regional and national employment demand for the emerging field of telecommunications technology, Westmoreland County Community College is launching a new associate degree program in telecommunications for the fall term which begins August 22. The new Telecommunications program will prepare students to design, build, maintain and troubleshoot advanced computer networks, including local and wide area networks. The curriculum includes new classes in telephony, wireless communications and fiber optics as well as four Cisco-approved telecommunications courses. Telecommunications graduates may seek positions as network administrators, system administrators and technical support personnel with companies involved with digital broadband services as well as with Internet service providers, Internet hardware and software companies, and in e-commerce. For more information, call WCCC at 1-800-262-2103, extension 4077.

## ANNUAL BANQUET DATE SET!!!

Mark your calendars now for October 12th for the Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet. This is an evening full of good food, awards, entertainment and networking. Don't miss it. The event will be held at the Waynesburg Elks during the evening hours.

## Take Advantage of Alltel ADSL Service

Members are offered the chance to sign up for high speed Internet service (ADSL) through Alltel. This high speed internet service is on display at the Chamber office and if you'd like to stop by and surf the net for a few minutes, you'll see how much time you can save with this feature. In addition, you no longer need two lines to use your phone and your Internet service at the same time; this one line does both at the same time. For more information or to get a sign-up sheet faxed to you, please call the Chamber office.

# 2002 Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant

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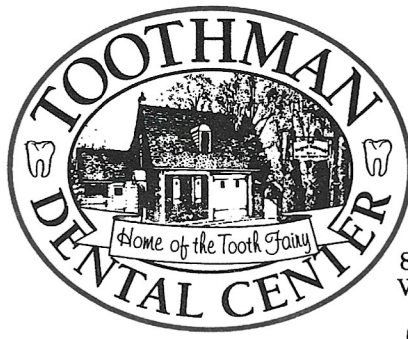
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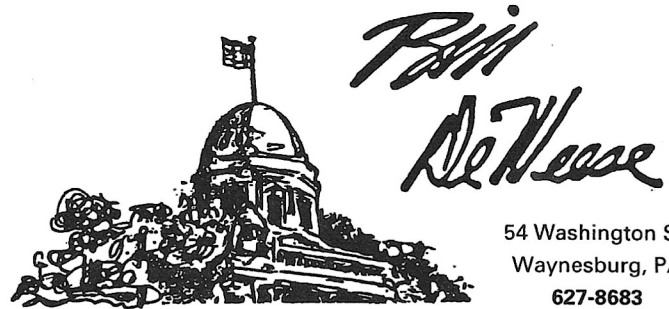
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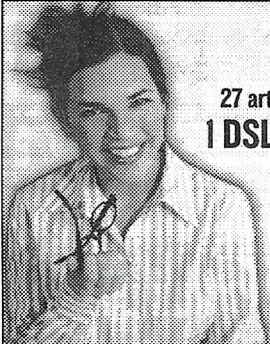


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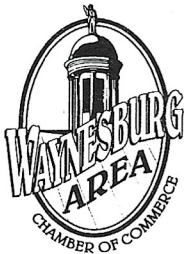
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