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Summer Interns

If you have phoned into the office and heard an unfamiliar voice on the other end of the line, it's one of our Summer Interns. Margaret Kelly of Ruff Creek, Miranda Whipkey of Waynesburg, Elizabeth Curry of Graysville and Mary Martin of Waynesburg are working in the Chamber and Tourism office over the summer. All have been doing a wonderful job at helping customers, answering phones, typing, running errands and their creativity can be seen in the window of the Waynesburg Borough Office. They designed and crafted a Rain Day window display that will be up for several weeks. Thank you to all of them for helping our offices get through a very busy time!!

Waynesburg College to Hold Fall Preview Days

Students interested in learning more about attending Waynesburg College for the fall semester are invited to attend a free informational session on Tuesday, August 10. The day includes a tour of the campus, an overview of degree programs, meetings with faculty and staff, course scheduling sessions and advisor consultations. Information on housing and financial aid will also be discussed. Special workshops for parents will review academic expectations and student life programs.

The event is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Special arrangements can be made for students unable to attend the entire day session. Students should bring their high school transcripts with them. Call Joy at 1.800.225.7393 to register or for more information.

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING IS CANCELED

Chairman, John Glass has announced that after much discussion, the Golf Outing for 1999 has been canceled. Many factors were at work here but don't worry!! there will be a Golf Outing planned for the year 2000!!

GOOD LUCK GREENE COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL

Fifteen girls from Jefferson-Morgan, Central Greene, and Beth Center High School have qualified for the fast pitch sixteen and under World Series to be held the week of July 18, 1999 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. There will be five hundred fast pitch softball teams in different age brackets from all over the United States. This will also be an opportunity for the girls to play in front of college scouts from all over the country.

In order to qualify, the girls took first place in a tournament in Chester, West Virginia. They tied for second place in Ford City State Qualifying Tournament and played July Fourth, Fifth and Sixth in Brady Run, PA.

The girls have been having tag days, selling tickets and holding car washes in the area to help defray the cost of the tournament fees and the cost of traveling to Tennessee. The girls have worked very hard. The coaches are Ron Falcon, Matt Matovich and Harry "Buddy" Hawk.

Any donation is deeply appreciated and can be made to Ron Falcon, RR 1, Box 325, Rices Landing, PA 15357.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1999

Golden Corral Steak House

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

**SPEAKER: MEET MISS RAIN DAY 1999, THE
LAST OF THE CENTURY!! AND HER COURT.**

Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

June 23, 1999 – Golden Corral

Members Present: John Owen-Special Events, Charles Perrine-Waynesburg College, Gloria Richter-Pizza Hut, Ruth Enci-Area Agency on Aging, Richard Scott-Scott Enterprises, Katy Shultz-Hospice Care, Chad Moore-First Federal, Susan Stoy-Representative DeWeese, Darla Openbrier-O.V.R. Millie Wonderling-Bowbly Library, Sheila Barger-National City, Kay Laskody-Mountainview Gardens, Robyn Riggs-Cellular One, Toni Rhoderick-Cellular One, Mike & Doreen Klipsic-Castle Victoria, Barbara Cole-Greene County Careerlink, Andrew Corfont-Community Bank, Frank Pecjack, Pecjack's Sunoco, Mary Parkinson-Honorary Member, Amber DeBolt-McDonald's, Carol Howard-McDonald's, Linda Corfont-C.P.A., Steve Barrett-Greene County Messenger, Suzanne Huffman-C.D.C., Mary Pruss-Peacock Keller, and guests Kristin Szarell-Miss Rain Day 1998, Heath Mankey, Goldie Mankey, Ron Mankey, and Colleen Nelson.

Mary Pruss called the meeting to order at 12:20. On a motion by Kay Laskody, seconded by Robin Riggs, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written with the correction of the spelling of a guests name who attended the last meeting. The Secretary's Report was reviewed and one change made from "factious" to "fictitious" name form. The Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by Katy Shultz, seconded by Millie Wonderling. The Treasurer's Report was read by Richard Scott. On a motion by Gloria Richter, seconded by Kay Laskody, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Susan Stoy and Sheila Barger, reported on the Rockin Oldies contests. They have spoken with Doug Wilson from WANB and are going to try to coordinate Hula Hoop, Limbo, Twist, Bubble Gum Blowing and Costume contests. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please let them know. The Rockin' Oldies concert is at 4:00 pm Saturday July 24th at the Greene County Fairgrounds.

Andrew Corfont reported that Autumn Marisa, Miss Rain Day 1997, went to compete for the title of Miss Pennsylvania. She won the swim suit competition and was very excited about being there. She wanted to thank the Chamber for all that they have done for her. The Greene County Messenger will have a story next week about her quest for the title.

NEW BUSINESS: The Scholarship winner for 1999 is Heath Mankey of Waynesburg. The committee read the essays and chose Heath's out of 13 candidates. They were looking for school activities and community involvement, in addition to scoring their essays. Mary Pruss presented him with the scholarship check of \$1,500. Heath took a few minutes to talk about what he is planning to do in the future, and to read his essay to the members. He is planning to start a bachelor's degree in the fall at W.V.U., and is majoring in Music Education with Voice as his primary instrument. In the future he would like to donate money to various charities and

programs especially ones that are saving the music in the public schools. Heath introduced his parents and thanked the Board for giving him this honor. Chad Moore reported on the Golf Tournament. This year the committee decided to cancel the July 31st tournament. There are tournaments scheduled almost every weekend throughout the summer and team participation is down. The committee has joined forces with the Rain Day Booth Committee to try to replace the planned income from the tournament. Discussion was held on planning a joint tournament in 2000 with the Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce. A Rain Day Booth Committee meeting was held and only Melody Longstreth and Richard Scott were in attendance. Katy Shultz was excused. However, they made some suggestions on ideas to raise money. A moon walk for the kids and glow necklaces will be investigated. The Dunk Tank has been reserved and the 3rd edition Christmas bulbs featuring Miller Hall will be on sale. A second phone line was discussed due to the amount of voice mail. Some members commented that they always get the voice mail system. Andrew Corfont introduced the guest speaker, Kristen Szarell, Miss Rain Day 1998. She showed a scrap book of her year as Miss Rain Day. She won Miss Albert Gallatin Regatta, and most recently, Miss Riverfest. She has been in many parades and has visited the local schools. She was the Co-Grand Marshall at the Christmas Parade and she has toured a local mine. She said it has been the best year of her life, and she thanked the Board of Directors and Andrew Corfont for making this past year so special. Sheila Barger asked members for their support of the W.C.H.S. Boys Baseball team. They won the WPIAL Championship and placed second in the state. Chad Moore and Sheila Barger are organizing a Pep Rally on the Courthouse steps for the team. Once a date and time are established it will be publicized on WANB. The team has been invited to be an Honorary Co-Grand Marshall of the July 4th Parade. Andrew Corfont asked businesses for bonds and ads for the Rain Day program. The deadline is next week. John Owen made a comment that the Miss Rain Day pageant was nicer than the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant, and that he is very impressed with the caliber of our pageant. Mary Pruss announced that there is a Beautification meeting, Thursday, June 24th at noon at Groovy's. They are trying to make the town more of a tourist and business attraction. Anyone interested may attend. Colleen Nelson recommended the group chink the old log courthouse. Discussion was held on the progress of that project.

Melody Longstreth announced that if any one needs July 4th Parade applications that they may contact her at the Chamber office.

On a motion by Chad Moore, seconded by Andrew Corfont, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Nicholson
Chamber Secretary

Miss Rain Day Pageant - July 25th

Thank you to all the Chamber members who once again generously supported the Miss Rain Day Pageant with Savings Bond Donations and Ads. The eleven contestants are having a wonderful time this summer thanks to you. Please come out and cheer them on at 6 pm on Sunday the 25th at the Waynesburg Central High School.

Congratulations to . . .



Carol Howard, rep. for McDonald's, who had a baby boy, Chase Robert Howard, July 15, 1999 and weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency



- July 24 Oldies Concert
Greene Co. Fairgrounds
- July 25 Miss Rain Day Pageant
Waynesburg High School
for more info: Andrew Corfont (724) 852-1715
- July 29 Rain Day Festival
Downtown Waynesburg
for more info: Special Events Comm.
(724) 627-8111
- Aug. 1 Antiques Fair
Greene Co. Fairgrounds
- Aug. 6-7 Gospel Sing (Amphitheater)
Mason-Dixon Hist. Park
fmi Connie (304) 879-5500
- Aug. 6-15 Greene Co. Fair
Greene Co. Fairgrounds
- Aug. 7 4-H County Round-Up
Greene Co. Fairgrounds
- Aug. 21-28 Bituminous Coal Show
Downtown Carmichaels
fmi: Sara (724) 966-5447 or Thelma (724) 966-5461
- Aug. 23-27 MSHA Mine Safety
Greene Co. Fairgrounds
- Aug. 28 Golf Tourn. Greene Co.
Historical Society
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- Aug. 28-29 Mason-Dixon Frontier Festival
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- September 17-19, 1999 – 4th Annual Pittsburgh Women's Show @, ExpoMart in Monroeville
- 8(a) Application Seminar is held on the last Tuesday of each month. Contact the 8(a) Business Development staff @ SBA for further information
- The Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) have various educational programs for entrepreneurs and small businesses. A listing of the local SBDCs can be found at: <http://www.sba.gov/gopher/Local-Information/Small-BusinessDevelopment-Centers/sbdcpa.txt>
- The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) conducts Pre-Business Workshops. A listing of the local SCORE Chapters can be found at: <http://www.sba.gov/gopher/Local-Information/Service-Corps-Of-Retired-Executives/scopa.txt>

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