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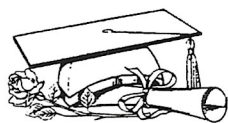


MISS RAIN DAY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

**Sunday, July 23rd, 2000
6 p.m.**

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Two members have responded to the request for donations to the Chamber's Educational Scholarship Fund. A special thank you goes out to:

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Celebrating the Arts Planned for July

The second annual "Celebrating the Arts" event is set for July 17 through July 21 on the Waynesburg College campus. This year the event is sponsored by Community Bank, and the performance by Marianne Cornetti is being underwritten by the Greene County Council for the Arts. Each day will feature one artist and an evening of entertainment.

Beginning on Monday, July 17, featured artists include: Robert Griffing, a painter of eighteenth century scenes featuring the Eastern Woodland Indian; John Buxton, a commercial illustrator who worked for National Geographic and specializes in historical art; Bradley Schmehl, illustrator of Civil War images; George Knuth, an internationally renowned wood carver. and on Friday, July 21, Jess Hager, known for watercolor and acrylics of many local Pittsburgh region landmarks. Each artist will exhibit for one day only in Stover Campus Center and also conduct a presentation at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

At 7:30 p.m. musical entertainment will be offered in the Performing Arts Center. The week begins with the Sweet Adelines; on Tuesday, July 18 the Pittsburgh Tap Ensemble performs; followed by the Wheeling Symphony Brass; opera singer Marianne Cornetti; and Mac Martin & The Dixie Travelers bluegrass band on Friday.

All performances are free and open to the public. Throughout the week the College museum will feature "Art by the College Family" and a wild flower photo display.

For more information call 852-3300.

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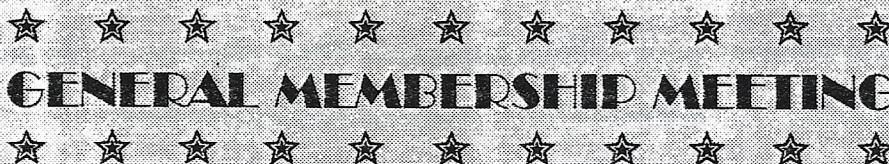
Mobile Technology Van Tours Local Parks

The Waynesburg College Mobile Technology Van will visit local Greene County parks now through July 28. Children and teens from ages 5 to 14 are welcome to participate in this free program. Participants will have a hands-on computer experience and use age appropriate software.

Young children will become familiar with Lightspan software, which is often used in elementary schools. Preteens will focus on Internet safety, and teens will access Discover software for guiding their career paths.

The van is scheduled from 10:00 am. to 5:00 p.m. at the following sites: Mt. Morris Perry Elementary School-July 3-7; Carmichaels Wana B Park-July 10-14; Mather Park-July 17-21, and Greensboro Mon View Park-July 24-28. Everyone is welcome to participate. Youth can use the computers for an hour, a half-day or as their schedule allows.

A Pennsylvania Department of Education Act 101 Grant, Waynesburg College, and Greene County Parks and Recreation fund the program. For more information call 852-4042.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2000

Noon

Golden Corral Steak House

MEET MISS RAIN DAY 2000 AND HER COURT

— GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING —

Wednesday, June 28, 2000
Golden Corral Steak House

MEMBERS PRESENT: Suzanne Huffman-Communications Development, Katy Shultz-Hospice Care of the Washington Hospital, Shirley Stockdale-Clerk of Courts, John Owen-Greene County United Way, Ruth Enci-Area Agency on Aging, Frank Couch and Barb Cole-Career Link, Damon Neroni-W.G.C.J.T.A., Sheila Barger-Laurel Bank, Bernice Fox-Community Action, Lena Hughes-Morris Agency, Terry O'Leary-National City, Jeanine Henry-S.B.D.C., Frank Pecjak-Pecjak's Sunoco, Mann Jacob, Papai Ferenc, Zhazira Kadirbauera and Nancy Dryden-Waynesburg College International Studies Program, Mary Pruss-Peacock Keller, Mary Parkinson-Honorary Member, Connie Clark-Kyowa America, Becky Wilson-Acorn Acres, Andrew Corfont-Community Bank, Ed Ferencak-Allegheny Power, Susan Stoy-Rep. Bill DeWeese, Millie Wonderling-Bowlby Library and guest Larry Celaschi-Bureau of Contracts and Public Records.

President Suzanne Huffman called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. Introductions were made around the room and Nancy Dryden introduced guests who are completing their studies at Waynesburg College as part of the International Studies Program. On a motion by Susan Stoy, seconded by Mary Pruss, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. On a motion by Katy Shultz, seconded by Connie Clark, the Treasurer's Report was approved. On a motion by Millie Wonderling, seconded by Jeanine Henry, the Secretary's Report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Susan Stoy reported that 13 teams took part in the Chamber Golf Outing which was won by team WANB in a putt-off against First Federal. Both teams tied for the top spot at 12 under. 86 prizes were donated by Chamber members and given to those present. A final financial report is being prepared and will be presented at the next meeting. Suzanne Huffman reported that the Revitalization committee is proceeding with the incorporation process and is working on completing the proposal for the historical plaques. The cost of the plaques will include the plaque, its installation and the memory medallion. At an additional cost, building owners who have not researched their building's history can have the research done. Sheila Barger reported that the Miss Rain Day Pageant committee is making final plans for the pageant which will be held on July 23rd. They are making an effort to cut the running time of the pageant down this year.

OLD BUSINESS: Suzanne Huffman reported that the final approval to move the

Welcome to Waynesburg sign has been received from PennDot. The County will be moving the sign in the near future. Everyone was reminded that July 10th is Greene County Day at Kennywood and the event is co-sponsored by the Chamber. Tickets are on sale for the event in the Chamber office. The Miss Rain Day Contestants will be introduced on the stage and a past Miss Rain Day contestant, Miranda Kingan is a performer there this summer.

NEW BUSINESS: The Greene County Historical Society was chosen at the June Board of Directors meeting to be the subject of the 2000 Christmas Bulb which is the fourth in a series. It is hoped that the bulb will be available by Rain Day. Suzanne Huffman reported that she and Jackie Kingora have become members in the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance which promotes Southwestern PA as a place to live and work. They are currently seeking others from the area to join the Alliance in an attempt to better promote Greene County.

Suzanne Huffman introduced Mr. Larry Celaschi, Contracts Specialist with the Bureau of Contracts and Public Records. He reviewed the process and contacts needed to obtain state contracts for small businesses. Funding sources are also available for small businesses to expand in order to obtain contracts. Many small contracts under \$10,000 are available as well as larger ones. A company can choose to bid on only those contracts that fall within their geographic region or statewide. Over 75,000 contracts are awarded for everything from computers to road kill removal services.

On a motion by Jeanine Henry, seconded by Susan Stoy, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Longstreth
Executive Secretary



The Mechanics of Starting A Small Business

August 10, 2000

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Fort Jackson Building
Mezzanine Level – Suite 150
19 South Washington Street
Waynesburg, PA

The Mechanics of Starting a Small Business workshop will give you the vital "nut and bolts" for establishing your business. Learn details about the legal and tax requirements involved as well as how to secure start-up capital. An informational packet will also be provided. Start on the correct path by learning how to:

- Identify the unique lifestyle requirements involved in owning a small business
- Assess the feasibility of your business idea
- Develop a Business Plan
- Obtain financing
- Market your product or service
- Identify the steps to follow to help you start your business
- Identify other resources that you help you plan to succeed

This free seminar will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. and will include a question/answer period during the final hour. Please call (724) 627-9054 to make a reservation.

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Project "Cary Kolat"

July 25th – 5-7 p.m.

Each car that passes through Waynesburg McDonalds Drive Thru will be counted and a portion of the sales given to help fund Cary's quest for Olympic Gold in Australia. Cary is a 1992 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School with a prestigious wrestling record.

On August 12th a Community Night will be held in Rices Landing in his honor. Business sponsors are currently being sought. For more information contact Carol Howard at 627-3176.

Comply with COBRA

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) was passed to provide employees or former employees, their spouses and dependents with a temporary extension of group health insurance when coverage is lost due to certain "Qualifying Events." COBRA must be identical to the coverage provided to similarly situated active employees. All employers who had 20 or more employees "on a typical business day" (50% or more of the business days) during the preceding calendar year **must comply with COBRA.**

As of January 1, 2000 a change was initiated in the way the number of employees is determined. Now an employer may determine the number of employees on a daily or pay period basis. The basis used must be the same for all employees and must be used consistently throughout the entire year for which the determination is being made. Each full-time employee counts as one employee and each part-time employee counts as a fraction of one employee. The numerator in the fraction is the number of hours the part-time employee works and the denominator is the number of hours an employee must work to be considered full-time. In no event may the hours required to be a full time employee exceed 40 hours for any week. So, if a full-time employee is deemed to work 40 hours and a part-time employee works 30 hours, the part-time employee is counted as 3/4 employee (30 hours/40 hours) for COBRA purposes.

Here is an example to show the calculation to determine number of employees for COBRA:

Company A has 10 full-time employees. Full-time hours are designated as 36 hours per week. Company A also has 40 part-time employees. Each part-time employee works 9 hours per week. Each part-time employee is counted as 1/4 employee (9 hours/36 hours), 40 multiplied by 1/4 is equal to 10 employees, plus the additional 10 full-time employees equals 20. Thus, the company must comply with all COBRA regulations because it would be deemed to have 20 full time employees.

An employer member of ChamberChoice may administer COBRA either in-house or through EBDS, the billing department for ChamberChoice. If you have questions regarding COBRA you may call the ChamberChoice administrative Team at 1-800-377-3539 or EBDS at 412-394-6311.

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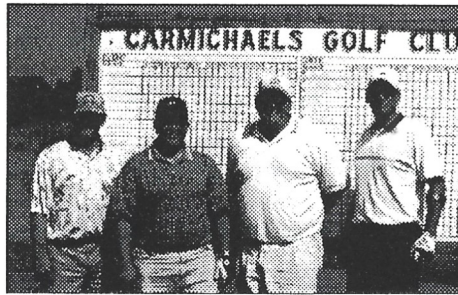
CHAMBER GOLF OUTING A SUCCESS

Chairman John Glass hosted 13 teams at Carmichaels Golf Course and team WANB came away the winner after a putt-off broke a tie with team First Federal. Both teams qualified for the putt-off with a score of 12 under. Area businesses were represented by the Moose Lodge, Cobweb Internet Service, the Washington Hospital, the Fashion Shop, First Federal Savings & Loan, Laurel Bank, the Observer-Reporter, Waynesburg College, Community Bank, Alltel and several individual Chamber members. Over 86 door prizes in addition to 50/50 prizes, and skill prizes were given away. A special thanks to the committee members who helped make this event a success, Chad Moore, Sheila Barger, Susan Stoy, Katy Shultz, Carl Baily, Merle Williams, Denny Frost and Chairman John Glass.



Chairman
John Glass

Denny Frost and



Team WANB - Larry Scott, Sam McCollum,
Scott Moore & John Curtis

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DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	TIME	COST
7/12/00	"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"	Masonic Temple, 5th floor Pitt's Main Campus	7:45 - 10 a.m.	No cost
7/13/00	"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"	Washington Federal 77 S. Main Street Washington, PA	7:45 - 10 a.m.	No cost
8/9/00	"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"	Masonic Temple, 5th floor Pitt's Main Campus	7:45 - 10 a.m.	No cost
8/10/00	"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"	Fort Jackson Building 19 S. Washington Street Waynesburg, PA	7:45 - 10 a.m.	No cost

For information on Entrepreneurial Fellows Center and Family Enterprise Center programs call (412) 648-1542.

Where are they now?????

The Chamber has awarded it's tenth scholarship in the year 2000. We have attempted to contact the previous winners to see where their education has taken them. We will give you updates as the office receives them. Here are just a few.

Dear Chamber of Commerce,

To start off, I would again like to thank you for the scholarship and your continued efforts and interest of young people. I know that it helped my family and me a great deal and we truly appreciate everything that you have done.

Now, let me tell you a little bit about what has been going on in my life since receiving your scholarship. ** I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in December of 1996 with an Elementary Education Degree. I also received such honors as: Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Provost Scholar, USSA All-American Scholar, and National Dean's List.

I also was fortunate enough to play four years of baseball while at I.U.P. In doing so, I received such honors as: GTE Academic All-American, PSAC First Team All-Conference, and Pennsylvania State Athletic Scholar Athlete Award.

During the summer of my Junior year at I.U.P., I had the wonderful opportunity to go to Africa on a missionary trip with Athletes-In-Action. I was one of twenty-five Christian college baseball players from all

over the United States who worked with and counseled children and adults of South Africa and Zimbabwe, in hopes of reaching them for Christ. We also participated in 20-25 free baseball clinics for children.

After the summer of my trip to Africa and the start of my Senior year, I started dating my future bride, Jennenne Renee Hunnell. We had been friends for several years before this, and decided to give it a go. I am truly excited to say that on December 28, 1996, we were married in DuBois, Pennsylvania. I can honestly say that I married my BEST friend!!

Following the wedding, on January 3, 1997, I started my teaching career at Burns Middle School in Shelby, North Carolina. Yea, I said North Carolina. This means we packed up our bags, and we headed South. I have been teaching sixth grade and coaching there ever since. I am the varsity quarterback coach and an assistant varsity and head J.V. baseball coach. I'm loving every minute of it.

In the summer of 1999, I completed my Master's Degree in School Administration at Gardner-Webb University.

I am a member of John Knox Presbyterian Church and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

FUTURE PLANS: To be a school administrator in an elementary school and to start a family.

Thanks Again.

Brian J. Hunnell



Jennenne Renee and Brian J. Hunnell

RAINDAY WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST

It's time again for the Annual "Rain Day" Window Decorating Contest! All Downtown Waynesburg Businesses are invited to decorate their windows in a Rain Day theme. Judging will be held Monday, July 24th in the afternoon.

First Prize is \$100. plus ownership for one year of the Coveted Golden Watering Can. The First Prize winner will be notified so a representative of the business can be present to receive the award.

Second Prize is \$50. and Third Prize is \$25.

To enter, please complete the entry form below and return to the Waynesburg Borough Office located at 90 East High Street. The entry deadline is Friday, July 21st.

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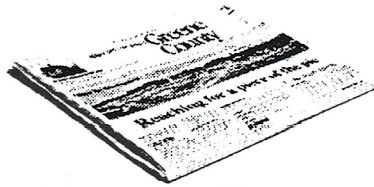
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