

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.

President's Letter

Greetings,

A big Thank You to Nancy Davis and Westmoreland Community College for sponsoring our business after hours in April. The event was well attended and Nancy did a wonderful job as hostess.

Susan Stoy and I attended a seminar on April 24 in regards to "What to do When Large Discount Stores Come to Town - Competing with Supercenters." We will be sharing information with the membership at this Month's Monthly Membership Meeting.

For the second time, the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce has given birth to a new non-profit entity. Just as Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful was created, the newly created Rain Day Scholarship, Inc. has formed. The Chamber of Commerce board of directors overwhelmingly voted to no longer sponsor the Rain Day Pageant effective in 2004. The Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce will fully sponsor the pageant this year in 2003 with the new Board shadowing Melody. Everything at this time is moving along wonderfully! As we are growing in membership by leaps and bounds, Melody's efforts can then be entirely focused on serving our business membership.

We're looking forward to the same successful transition that Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful experienced. What a joy when everyone works together!!

Sincerely,
Sheila Elliott Barger
President

You're Invited to the...

May Business After Hours

hosted by

*Lewis Limousine
Carmichaels, PA*

*Join members of the
Carmichaels Area Chamber to see
Lewis Limousine's new facility.*

Tuesday, May 27th

5:00-7:00

Register to Win a Digital Camera

June Business After Hours

*Greene County Historical
Society Musuem*

Wednesday, June 4th

4:30-6:30

**View, "A Fitting Time for Women,"
a Photographic Exhibit**

Director's Note

Spring is finally springing and so is your Chamber. We have had the busiest first quarter that I can remember. Back in February we hired a part-time office assistant and her time in the office is very busy as well. In 2002, we gained a total of 62 new members and only lost 5. So far in 2003 we have gained 15 new members and lost 7 through the renewal process. During the first four months of 2003, we have served 242 visitors and responded to 827 phone calls. While at first that may not seem like a lot, in comparison, it is a 15% increase over the same period of 2002. In addition to the inquiries coming into the office, we have increased the member services and handled a few new projects for the community.

In a recent issue of the "Pittsburgh Business Times," a list of the 25 largest Chambers in the Pittsburgh Region was published. While Greene County is not considered a part of the Pittsburgh Region, I am extremely proud to say that we would have ranked 22nd on that list. Looking back to when I began with the Chamber in 1987 we were open only 20 hours a week with about 150 members. Today we operate a full time office and are only 3 away from the 300 member mark. We have completely transformed ourselves into a thriving, active Chamber who gives back to the community and it's membership on a consistent basis. So if anyone wants to know what is happening at the Chamber you can say without a doubt - A LOT! If you have not attended a Chamber meeting in a while, now is the time to get out to the monthly meetings and the monthly Business After Hours. I'd like to see the faces of the members who we are working so hard for!

Melody Longstreth
Executive Director

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2003

Noon - 1:00 p.m. • Groovy's American Cafe - Downstairs Meeting

Soup and Salad Buffet

SPEAKER: SHEILA BARGER & SUSAN STOY

**TOPIC: A REPORT ON THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE RECENT
"COMPETING WITH SUPERCENTERS" SEMINAR**

PRESENTATION OF THE 2003 EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Networking Opportunity - Bring Your Business Cards for Door Prize Drawing

Welcome New Members

Basic Entry, Inc.

Cheryl Semonick
Lovie Coffman

107 East Roy Furman Highway, Suite 100
724-627-5565
Fax: 724-883-4066
Tax Preparation

Caprini, Inc.

Mrs. Nancy Caprini, Secretary
PO Box F, 193 Front Street
Millsboro, Pa 15348

724-377-2222
Fax 724-377-1389
email: wcaprini@roadlynx.net
2 employees
Home Heating Oil

Dr. Edwin E. Assid, Orthodontist

120 West High Street
724-852-1767
Fax: 724-941-7448

5 employees

Dentistry - Orthodontic Specialty

Peaceful Springs, Inc.

Mark and Tina Gaydos, Owners
254 Hathaway Road
Jefferson, Pa 15344

724-592-6588

Fax 724-592-6599

Email: gaydosmtnboyz@alltel.net
Pay Fishing Lake

The Salvation Army-Greene County Service Unit

Mrs. Bonnie Smouse, Director
131 West First Avenue
724-852-1479

Fax: 724-852-1551

1 employee

Email: salarmygreene@alltel.net

Web: www.salvationarmy-wpa.org

Non-Profit Social Service

Newsletter Advertising Spaces Available

The advertising that appears in the newsletter is available to any member at a cost of \$300 annually, or \$30 per issue. Call the office now at 724-627-5926 to sign up. Your ad will reach 335 businesses in the Waynesburg area at a cost to you of only .06 cents per copy. That's a great advertising rate and you are targeting your fellow Chamber members. Be sure to take advantage of this great marketing tool.

April Renewals

Kiwi Fence
Rich's Homes
Washington Wild Things
Waynesburg Rotary Club
Waynesburg Lodge I.O.O.F.
Jan's Country Nook
Steinberg Vision
Cellular One
Waynesburg Chiropractic
Greene County A.B.A.T.E.
B.P.O. Elks Lodge
Lavern's Restaurant
Acorn Acres Restaurant
Bruno & Bruno
Sonja's Downhome Restaurant
Tentmakers Part Tent Rentals
AAA East Central Motor Club
Picture Perfect Images

Vo-Tech and United Way Sponsor Blood-Pressure Screenings



Vo-tech Student Nurse, Larinda Richter checks blood-pressure for Linda White at Community Bank recently.

Greene County Vo-Tech student nurses, in conjunction with the Greene County United Way, sponsored free blood-pressure screenings recently at several area businesses. The screenings are held each spring to thank local organizations who ran successful United Way campaigns for the previous year. Businesses participating were: Alltel, PA; Community Bank; First Federal Savings and Loan; RAG Pennsylvania Services, RAG Cumberland Resources; RAG Emerald Resources; and Pennsylvania State Police, Waynesburg Barracks. Student nurses who conducted the screenings were: Missy Wells, Conessa Morris, Chrissy Cole, Vicki Patterson, Larinda Richter, Brenda Brewer, Gina O'Neal, Kim Evans, Victoria Hughes, Linda Riley, Rebecca Duvall and Cheryl Lake.

April Membership Business After Hours



THANKS to member, Westmoreland County Community College's Greene County Education Center and Dr. Nancy Davis for hosting the April B.A.H. The event was very well attended and the food was wonderful!!! Hope to see you all at the next B.A.H. in May.

MAY 27th - Lewis Limousine

JUNE 4th - Greene County Historical Society

JULY 16th - First National Bank of Penna.

AUGUST - RAG American Coal

SEPTEMBER - Peaceful Springs Fishing Lake

OCTOBER 15th - Greene County United Way

NOVEMBER - CareerLink

DECEMBER - Resolutions

Chamber Chatter Articles and Inserts

We always welcome your news articles and press releases concerning your business. Photos are also encouraged. There is no charge for articles and photos to be included. Inserts may be placed in the newsletter at a cost of \$65 per issue. 350 inserts must be provided and folded to 4 1/4 x 5 1/2 inches to fit inside the newsletter. There is a \$20 charge for material provided unfolded. A non-profit insert rate is available at \$32.50 per issue. Please submit all material for the Chamber newsletter by the 1st business day of each month for the month in which you would like it published or inserted. Questions may be directed to the office at 724-627-5926.

Door Prizes Needed

Do you have an item promoting your business that you would like to donate to be used as a door prize at the monthly General Membership meeting? If so, please contact the office.

Member Profiles

CROSS FLOWERS OFFERS TANNING

Cross Flowers is pleased to announce the opening of their new tanning booth. It is equipped with a Wolff Tanning Systems bed with a facial tanner. They offer a full line of tanning products by Australian Gold. Their room is both clean and private. To schedule an appointment just call Cross Flowers at 724-627-3191 or stop in at 694 East High Street in Waynesburg. They also accept walk-ins as time permits. In addition to their regular business hours of 9-5 Monday thru Saturday, they also offer evening tanning on Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only.

STUDIO R CLOSING

After being in business as Studio R since 1992 and in business in Hillcrest Shoppes since 1976, Carol L. Randolph will retire on Rain Day - July 29, 2003. The Retirement Sale will begin Monday, June 9. Everything must go - painted pieces, art supplies, frames. Everything will be on sale for 10% off until June 23rd when everything will be 20% off. Beginning July 7, everything will be 30% off. On July 21 everything will be 40% off. Then, for the last two days (July 28, 29) anything that is left will be 50% off. Furniture cash resister (an antique), pegboard and display pieces will be priced by negotiation. Carol will continue to paint in her home. You will still be able to reach Carol at the same telephone number: 724-852-6363. She will have pieces for sale at the Washington Street Cafe, Jan's Country Nook and at the Covered Bridge Gallery. You will still be able to order special painted pieces and she'll teach painting classes for anyone who wants to sponsor the class at their location. She will also continue to advise and help other artists whenever possible. Visits to see her at her studio will be by appointment, just call ahead.

Would you like to see your business appear in our Member Profiles column? All you have to do is write a paragraph or two about your business, services provided, areas covered, new services, new employees, awards or honors achieved, new locations, etc. and send along with your logo, artwork or photograph to the office. Each month, as space permits, Profiles will be included in the newsletter. We want to hear about what is going on in your business! Be sure to let us know!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jeanine Henry of the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center for being the lucky winner of the door prize at the April General Membership Meeting! Also congratulations to Frank Couch of CareerLink who won the door prize at the April Business After Hours.

Scholarship Winner To Be Awarded

The 13th annual Chamber of Commerce Educational Fund Scholarship will be awarded this month. More than 20 applications were received for this \$1,500 award. The scholarship program is open to any Greene County student who will be graduating from high school this Spring and have been accepted to a College or Technical School as in incoming Freshman this Fall. All applicants must have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better while in high school. Applicants were required to furnish a listing of their school and community activities and must write an essay on "What is your purpose in life and how do you plan to address this purpose through your education." The winner will be formally presented with the scholarship at the May General Membership Meeting.

Member To Member Discount Program

This program, exclusively for Waynesburg Chamber members, is aimed at creating an awareness of the value of doing business in our community and with other Chamber members. Members are encouraged to offer savings to their fellow Chamber members to encourage business between members. Savings can be added to the program at any time through out the year and can run for a set period of time. Special updates will be published monthly and included in the newsletter reminding members of the special savings being offered. If you are interested in offering a special discount to fellow Chamber members, please contact the office at 724-627-5926. What you decide to offer and the length of time the sale is good is entirely up to you. What have you got to loose? You'll attract fellow members to your business and in turn, you'll be attracted to theirs!

SBDC Training Opportunities

May 22nd - CE Marking Basics - \$199

June 5th - CE 123 - \$695

June 12th - 5th Annual Entrepreneurs Growth Conference

To receive a mailing packet or for further information on the above courses, please call the Duquesne University Chrysler Corporation Small Business Development Center at (412) 396-6233.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY

- 12 Educational Scholarship Committee - Groovy's - Noon
- 13 Golf Outing Committee - Airport Restaurant - 8am
- 14 Board of Directors Meeting - Groovy's - Noon
- 15 Greene County Day at Kirby Welcome Center 10am to 3pm
- 16 Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing - Greene County Country Club
- 21 Golf Outing Wrap Up Committee Meeting - Airport Restaurant - 8am
- 22 Rain Day Pageant Committee - Groovy's - Noon
- 23 & 26 Office Closed for Memorial Day Vacation
- 27 Business After Hours in conjunction with the Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce at Lewis Limousine - 5-7pm
- 28 General Membership Meeting and Presentation of the 2003 Scholarship - Groovy's - Noon

JUNE

- 4 Business After Hours - Greene County Museum 4:30-6:30pm
- 5 Miss Rain Day Kick-Off - Banquet - Stover Center 6-8
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting - Noon - Groovy's
- 19 Miss Rain Day Committee - Noon - Groovy's

Committees remain open to new members, please feel free to attend any of these meetings if you are interested.

Farewell and Welcome

Thanks to Pam Bogucki, an Individual Member, as she leaves her post on the Board of Directors due to a new employment opportunity. Pam has served as an officer and on numerous committees during her time on the Board. She will remain as an active member on the chamber and continue to serve on committees. We wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Welcome to August Berry, Jr., Greene County Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters as he takes Pam's position on the Board of Directors. Welcome Junior!!

Upcoming Seminars

Dealing Effectively with Unacceptable Employee Behavior

Pittsburgh, June 19 and July 14
Wheeling, June 20 \$149
Call 1-800-873-7545 to enroll

Budgeting Skills for Professionals

Pittsburgh, June 18 - Greensburg, June 17
Call 1-800-873-7545 to enroll

How to Handle People with Tact and Skill

Pittsburgh, July 9 - Monroeville, July 9
\$149
Call 1-800-556-3009 to enroll

Excel

Pittsburgh, June 20 \$99
Call 1-800-556-2998 to enroll

Excelling as a First-Time Manager or Supervisor

Greensburg, July 8, Pittsburgh, July 9 and
August 4 \$199
Call 1-800-873-7545

The Outstanding Receptionist

Pittsburgh, July 23 - Morgantown, July 23
\$79
Call 1-800-556-3009

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Pittsburgh, June 26 - Morgantown, June 23
\$99
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Microsoft Access

Pittsburgh, July 31 - Morgantown, July 24
\$149
Call 1-800-556-3009

The Outstanding Receptionist

Pittsburgh, July 23, Morgantown, July 23
\$79
Call 1-800-556-3009

27th Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon

Trade Show and Exhibit &
Networking Event
Friday, May 23, 2003

Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh
10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Trade Show & Reception
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Keynote Speaker

Rocky Bleier, former Pittsburgh Steeler

Emcee: Bill Flanagan

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Allegheny Conference on
Community Development

Reservations - \$30 per individual,
\$300 per table of 10

RSVP by calling 412-392-4555 x3566

A Fitting Time for Women

Two years in the making, "A Fitting Time for Women," a photographic exhibit by Jim McNutt and Kathleen Mitchell, is a collection of historically accurate pictures that mirror our forebear's lives in a manner that is more intimate, touching and evocative than any of the stiffly posed photographs typically taken in the 1800's, recreating authentic scenes and clothing from 1875-1900.

Jim, an award-winning photojournalist with the Observer-Reporter has more than 32 years of experience photographing people. Kathleen, who provided the authentic costumes and historically accurate settings, is a collector of 19th century clothing, accessories and artifacts and is an interpreter of social history.

The two combined their expertise to produce an array of images of women - their children and spouses - going about their daily lives during the last quarter of the 19th century. These years were a transition period when more people moved from farms to towns and cities as the industrial revolution advanced. To accurately reflect this social transformation, McNutt and Mitchell decided to show both rural and urban settings.

The two developed the project with the assistance of the Washington County Historical Society. They received a grant for the show from the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), a partnership between thirteen regional arts organizations and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), a state agency. State government funding for the arts comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Rural Arts Alliance (PRAA).

You can view the photographs and read the entire story by visiting their website, www.fittingtimeforwomen.com or stop by and view the display at the Greene County Historical Society Museum.

Member Survey

The Chamber has been questioned about our position on retail development in the area. Our position is **your** position. Tell us what it is. Please fax, mail or email your response to the following questions as soon as possible. We are encouraging all members to respond so that we have an accurate picture of where we stand as a group on the following issues:

1. Would you like to see a mid-size retailer come to Greene County? Yes No
2. Would you like to see a big-box retailer like Walmart come to Greene County? Yes No

Order Your Alltel DSL Through the Chamber

If you are ready to increase your office efficiency and sign up for a high speed DSL line, please contact the Chamber for the order form. By signing up through the Chamber you not only help yourself by increasing your efficiency, you help the Chamber out by allowing us to keep our DSL line another month at no cost. The office is open for you to come in and view the speed at which you can surf the net and use the phone at the same time. Call to arrange a time to stop by!

Welcome

Welcome our newest member representatives.

John Inghram, new President of Greene County Chapter #29 of A.B.A.T.E.

Terri Taylor, Washington-Greene Job Training Agency

Connie Grimes, Customer Service Manager - Community Bank

Donald Morris, Consol Central Parts & Repair

Ruth Fox, Kirby Welcome Center

Women's Economic Development Outreach

What will "WE DO?" A dynamic group of women leaders from Western PA will tour twenty counties in five days, bringing information and resources focusing on access to capital and business expansion.

The second annual "W.E.D.O." seminar tour will stop for Washington & Greene Counties on Wednesday, July 11th from 8:30am to 12:30pm at Washington and Jefferson College. This is a very energetic and special initiative designed to reach out to Western Pennsylvania women business owners. The WEDO tour is designed as a complimentary "Power Breakfast and Seminar" with agenda topics that help women business owners accelerate the growth of their businesses. The primary focus of this year's agenda will be "Fortifying Your Business with the Right Ingredients." For more information log onto Seton Hill University's National Education Center for Women in Business' website at www.e-magnify.com. Or you may contact Susan Ameal, President at 412-854-4344.

Champions of Older Workers

The Pennsylvania Hall of Fame of Champions of Older Workers is accepting nomination of employers in the Waynesburg and Greene County area as part of a statewide search to acknowledge employers who have made special efforts to hire and accommodate workers of age 55 and older. Employers who have actively recruited older workers, developed opportunities and training, provided flexible schedules, promoted older workers from within or generally made accommodations for a mature work force are sought for recognition. Employers may represent large or small businesses as well as public or private non-profit agencies. Each nominee receives a certificate of appreciation and recognition during National Employ the Older Worker Week September 21-27, 2003. These employers are entered in a statewide competition. From this group a Grand Champion of Older Workers will be selected and honored at an awards luncheon at the Harrisburg-Hershey Marriott on October 31, 2003. Winners are also selected and honored at the awards luncheon in the following categories: large business, small business and service. Nomination forms may be received by calling the Chamber office at 724-627-5926. Nominations must be received on or before July 11, 2003.

The Mechanics of Starting a Small Business

"The First Step"

June 12, 2003

8:00 am to 10:00 am

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.

This free seminar will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 AM and will include a question/answer period during the final hour. Please call (724) 627-9259 or (724) 627-9054 to make a reservation.

After completing a starting a business workshop, you will be able to meet confidentially with an SBDC consultant at no cost.

Waynesburg Sheep & Fiber Fest

The First Annual Waynesburg Sheep and Fiber Festival will be held in May of 2004 in downtown Waynesburg... a fun filled unique event celebrating the significance of the sheep & wool industry in our area. Activities include exciting live demonstrations of shearing, spinning, weaving, shepherding dogs and more, plus a breed pavilion, outdoor grilling contest, food sampling and juried crafts. And currently in production is the Official Waynesburg Sheep & Fiber Fest Lamb Cookbook, which will be released in August of this year. And that's when the fun begins... Recipe's are now be solicited for the Official Festival Cookbook. The cookbook will contain a collection of home tested and favorite recipes from the people of Greene County and the surrounding area, as well as those of several National Celebrities. The book will also contain bits of history and info on the County's Sheep Industry and the first annual festival. Copies of the cookbook will be available by August 2003 at local merchant locations and area events and festivals. You can be a part of it! Submit your favorite lamb recipe now! Whether you like your lamb roasted, grilled, baked, in stews or stir fry... or maybe you like something totally different. All of your favorite lamb recipes will be considered for publication. Ten winners will be chosen at random from all recipes submitted to receive a FREE copy of the cookbook. Prizes may also be awarded for the best recipes submitted in different categories. But you don't have much time. The deadline to get your recipe in for consideration is May 30th, 2003. Just type or clearly print your recipe on a piece of paper and send to: Waynesburg Sheep & Fiber Fest Cookbook, c/o Janet Mawhinney, Chairman, 408 Blaker Ridge, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number with your recipe.

5th Annual Entrepreneur's Growth Conference

June 12, 2003

Duquesne University Campus

Duquesne University's Chrysler Corporation Small Business Development Center is offering chamber members an exclusive opportunity to attend the upcoming 5th annual Entrepreneur's Growth Conference for a reduced price of just \$89, \$10 off the standard registration fee.

To take advantage of this chamber-exclusive discount, simply mention that you are a chamber member when you call to register.

Log onto the event website at www.duq.edu/sbdc or call 412-396-6233 for all the exciting details.

Flyer Space Available

Insert your promotional material in the Chamber Chatter and a great rate! Our rates beat the postal service by a mile! Insert 350 pieces at a cost of \$65 (non-profit rate of \$32.50) That's only 19 cents each and you are targeting Waynesburg area Chamber members. Provide the office with 350 identical inserts, folded to 8 1/2 inches by 5 1/2 inches (same size as folded newsletter) no later than the 5th day of the month that you would like the insert included. There is a \$20 charge for material received unfolded. Mailing occurs so that the newsletter arrives the third week of the month. For more information, contact the Chamber office.

Greene County Women & Co. Networking Event

Seton Hill University's National Education Center for Women in Business (The Center) encourages all women to attend The Center's new Women & Co. networking series to be held at the Denny House on Thursday, May 29, 2003. From 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, women are invited to tour the Victorian era facilities, enjoy beverages, hors d'oeuvres and network with women from Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pat Gross, owner of the Denny House, will be our hostess for the afternoon. The Greene County event is the fifth of a series of networking events designed to showcase the diversity and economic impact of women-owned businesses in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Sponsored by National City and The Progress Fund, the Women & Co. programs rotate among Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties, engaging women entrepreneurs from a variety of fields to expand their contact base and introduce them to a wide array of resources available throughout the region as they grow and market their businesses. Women business owners may register for the May 29th Women & Co. event at www.emagnify.com or contact Seton Hill University's National Education Center for Women in Business at 724-830-4625 for additional information. Locally, you may also call Jeanine Henry with the Small Business Development Center at 724-627-9259 for additional information on this event.

Applications Now Being Accepted for the 2003 Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant

The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the 2003 Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant. The announcement came at a recent meeting of the Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant Committee of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. The pageant, now celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, will be held on Sunday, July 27th at the Waynesburg Central High School Auditorium. The pageant is open to girls ages 14 to 18 as of Rain Day, July 29th, 2003 who must reside in Greene County, Pennsylvania.

A kick-off Mother-Daughter banquet is planned for Thursday evening, June 5th at the Stover Center on the Waynesburg College Campus. The contestants will take part in many activities during the month of July such as a dinner theater evening, meeting the commissioners, Greene County Day at Kennywood Park, rehearsals, photo shoots and of course the Rain Day Festival. Each contestant will compete in Personal Interview, Sportswear, Talent and Evening Gown competitions. Scholarship savings



Miss Rain Day 2002, Rachel Burack, mails the first official entry form for the 25th anniversary of the Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant.

bonds and trophies will be awarded in the following categories; Miss Photogenic, Miss Personality, Rain Maker Award, Kelly Smotzer Memorial Award, John O'Hara Award, Top Talent, Evening Gown Winner, Sportswear Winner and Personal Interview Winner. Miss Rain Day 2003 will be named along with four runners-up who will serve as the guest of honor during this year's Rain Day Celebration. All contestants will be presented with some very

special gifts just for participating. The entry fee to compete is \$40 payable before the deadline for early applications of May 16th. To enter the pageant between May 17th and 30th, the entry fee is \$50 with a final deadline for applications of May 30th. To obtain an application and further information, please contact the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce office at 724-627-5926. Applications are available at area High Schools and local dance studios.

Beginning in 2004, a new entity created by the Chamber of Commerce will take over the sponsorship of the event. Rain Day Scholarship, Inc. was formed from interested Chamber members to continue the tradition of the Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant. The newly formed entity will shadow the Chamber administration during 2003. This is the second new entity created by the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce in the past three years. In 2001, the Chamber formed Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful, Inc. to serve as the Main Street Program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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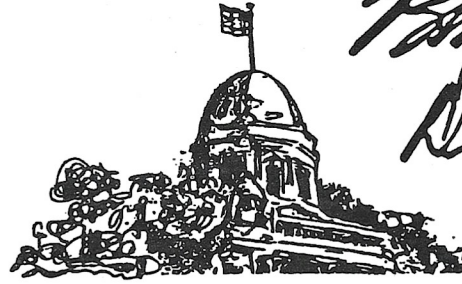
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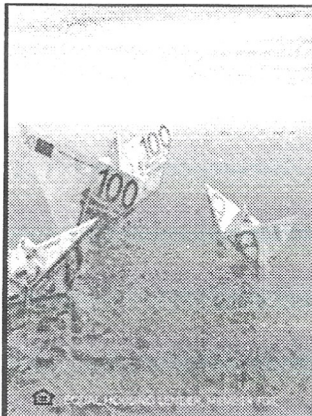
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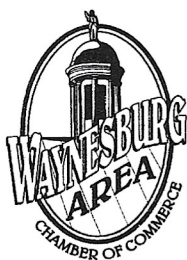
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