

Happy Monday Morning!

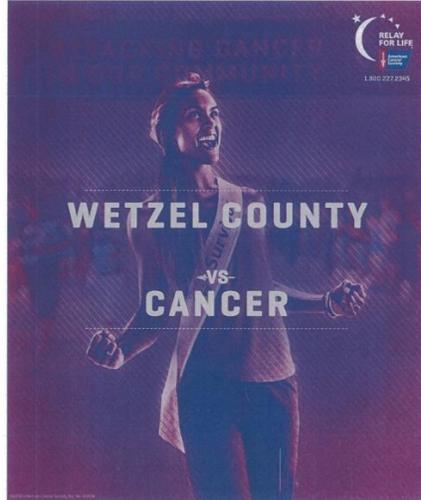
Let me start by saying, I am trying some new things this week and I am not certain how they will look in your inbox. If you have trouble seeing anything or have problems with this week's newsletter, please let me know so I can work on correcting those issues in the future. Now, on to the newsletter:



We would like to start of the day talking about our Pay it Forward event! Pay it forward is an opportunity for the Chamber and all of our members to directly help out our community. This year's Pay it Forward event will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> in Paden City at the Development Authority building. We are looking for non-profit organization that could benefit from a cash infusion. This event will allow non-profits to present to those present a brief explanation of what they do and possibly earn cash to help their cause. Right now, we have over \$3000 to split between the winners thank to Antero and the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley. If you would like to donate to this event, please contact us and we will add you to our event sponsor list.

The application for non-profits to register for the event can be found at <http://www.wetzelcountychamber.com/newsevents.html> \*\*\*Please note\*\*\* the deadline to register for non-profits will be July 18th!

This Friday is relay for life! Help support cancer research; remember those we have lost and honor those who have survived the scourge of cancer.



**HELP ATTACK CANCER IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Beating our biggest rival takes more than breakthrough research. It takes things like our 24/7 cancer help line and free rides to chemo. Most of all, it takes you. Join Relay For Life. And help attack cancer in our community.

Everyone Welcome to come and enjoy great Music, Buffets, Fund, Cancer Survival Celebrations, Games, Walking, Remembering and Honoring Loved Ones who have battled cancer through Luminaria. Thank you for your support.

**RELAY FOR LIFE OF WETZEL COUNTY**

Facebook: Wetzel County Relay For Life

**JUNE 21, 2019 8:00PM-MIDNIGHT**

HARDEN HIGH SCHOOL TRACK FIELD

NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV

RelayForLife.org/wetzelwv

We are starting a new feature this week. Each week we plan to pick a “Chamber Focus Member,” and help the community get to know more about what that member does and who they are. I would like to thank our first focus member for being willing to go through this experiment first. Our first “Chamber Focus Member is:





Jae C. Lehew guides S&S Diamond into the future under the watchful eyes of founders Steve & Sandi Hunt who just happen to be her mother and father. S&S has the area's only Master IJO Jeweler, enabling them to do a full range of jewelry repairs and custom design and make jewelry. Making an annual pilgrimage to Antwerp also provides an opportunity for Jae C. and the S&S team to pick out diamonds that specifically meet with your personal preferences for cut, clarity, color and carat. Friendly, personalized service is the hallmark of this local institution. As the website proclaims, "She will know it's real love when it's from S&S Diamonds."

We are also less than two weeks away from Back Home Appalachian Arts & Music Festival! We are going to have a lot of info about this event for you next week, but for right now, this should get you most of what you want to know:



Here are some additional things going in the next couple weeks:

- ArtsLink will be holding auditions for The Little Mermaid for children 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 18 years old. That's Saturday, 1:00 P.M. at the Lincoln Theater.
- ArtsLink "Arts in the Park" at Bruce Park will be going on July 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be a vender, see attached registration form.
- Next week, the Chamber's Lunch & Learn series will be directed by Perry and Associates CPAs and they will help us learn how to use Quickbooks, Tuesday 6-25 at Noon, room 110 WVNCC
- Bombshell Hair Studio and Mia Lia Boutique will be holding a Business After Hours in Sistersville next Thursday, 6/27 at 5:30 P.M.

The Regional Economic Development Partnership (RED) is working on a grant that would help to expand internet access to remote areas of Wetzel County. They are looking to get input from those who own farmland along RT 7 and RT 20. If this allies to you, please contact: Valerie Piko at 412-951-4200 or [vpiko@redp.org](mailto:vpiko@redp.org)

I also want to remind everyone that Thursday is West Virginia Day! June 20<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of when most of the world official became wrong about thinking we are just part of Virginia. Most government offices and banks will be closed as we celebrate being the only state in the union that broke away from another state!



If you or your organization has anything you would like us to share in our Monday morning newsletter, please send it to [Office@WetzelCountyChamber.com](mailto:Office@WetzelCountyChamber.com) or stop in and see us between 8-4! To get your submission in, we have to have it by close on the preceding Friday. Events will be included a couple weeks before they happen and members with special promotions can get one inclusion per month. If you would like to be a “Chamber Focus Member,” let me know and we will schedule a week for you! On the other hand, if you don’t want to get these emails any longer, please reply to this email and I will remove your email from our list.