

Happy Monday Morning!

Wow, What a weekend! The Wetzel County CVB really pulled off a big win with an even bigger, better, Back Home Festival this year. I saw so many gold and blue shirted volunteers giving their time to ensure the festival went off without a hitch. I want to extend a heartfelt "Thank You!" to everyone who shared a part of themselves to make this last weekend a reality. Let this be an inspiration to everyone to work towards making our community a better place.

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This week we celebrate our nation's independence on the 4th of July. This week's Chamber Focus Member, ArtsLink, has an event planned to help us do just that. ArtsLink does a lot of work to bring arts and culture into the area. In conjunction with the New Martinsville Parks Department and Monroe Arts Council, this Thursday, ArtsLink Presents; "Arts in the Park." The Master of Ceremonies for the event, Uncle Sam (Carman Harman), will kick things off in Bruce Park at 1 P.M. Nine local craft vendors will have their wares on hand and there will be games and activities for the kids. The Remedy will be performing live at the event and soda and popsicles will be provided for attendees. We hope to see you in the park and follow us on Facebook this week to learn more about what all ArtsLink does.

(Carman)

How would you like to win a \$1000 shopping spree at Cabela's? Well, the New Martinsville Lion's Club is giving you a chance to do just that! They are selling raffle tickets (\$10.00 each) between now and October 26th and the winner will get to do just that, spend \$1000 at Cabela's. You can buy tickets from any local Lion's club member or get them at Riegenbach Tile and Carpet. The winner will be drawn at Chilifest this year and your last chance to get in will be that day. You don't have to be present to win and you will be helping support all the great work the Lion's Club does.

(Lion's club)

Next week is the State of Wetzel County Breakfast at Genesis Healthcare in New Martinsville. There are going to be several prominent speakers as well as some good food! The breakfast will start at 7:30 A.M. next Thursday July 11th.

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It's the first week of the month, so that means that the Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors will be making the rounds. The Ambassadors are a group of chamber members who go out and visit local businesses. They try to promote the chamber to those who are not members and learn how to better provide value to those who are. If you would like to join the Ambassadors, reply to this message and I will send some information out to you.

(Pay It Forward)

Reminder! There are only 18 days left for non-profit organizations to apply for our Pay It Forward Event. The application can be found: <http://www.wetzelcountychamber.com/newsevents.html>. We have already raised \$4,000 to give away to the winners this year. The actual event will be on July 29th in Paden City. The chamber has enlisted the aid of Betty Klug and Relay for Life to make food for everyone who attends. This is an awesome event that does a lot of good for the community. If you or your

organization would be willing to donate to this event, please contact the chamber (304-455-3825). All donated money is given directly to one of the winning non-profits.

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I hope something in this week's newsletter has been helpful to you! As always, if you have something that you would like added to the newsletter or posted on the chamber facebook or website, please email it to: Office@WetzelCountyChamber.com . If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please reply with a message asking to be removed. All constructive feedback is appreciated!