



Building Successful Communities

March 2016

2015: Looking Back

Greetings! Wow, 2015 was quite a year!!! Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication to make 2015 a great year...Here's a look back:

The Celebration Dinner which is the annual chamber member meeting was held in January. A Top Chef contest was held with the winner being Shooters Saloon & Catering.

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2015 Community Award Winners: Educator: Kim Sobataka; Professional: Jamie Long; Employee: Debbie Mason; Civic Organization: Open Door Ministries; Citizen: Betsy Westfall; Business: Bruce Bowling Lanes; Business Owner: Brian Rogers; Youth: Megan Pierce; Top Chef: Shooters Saloon & Catering; Chamber Board Member: Sandy Hunt.

2015 Ramp Fest Winners:

Cookoff: Business: Shooters Saloon & Catering; Individual: Rick Coen

Ramp eating Contest Winner: Freddy Munday 33 ramps in 1 Minute

5 K RUN / WALK: Kaitlyn Underwood 1st Place Walker, Meghan Brown 2nd Place Walker, Carson Yoho 3rd Place Walker, Jerry Evatt 1st Place Runner, Kasey Streets 2nd Place Runner, Levuan West and Megan Bucher 3rd Place Runners (Tied)

2015 Chili Fest Pageant Winners:

The 2015 Chili Fest Queen - Haley Thomas; Mrs - Kasie Droppleman; Ms - Christy Piggot; Teen - Kara Boggs; Junior Miss - Brandis Dalrymple; Little Miss - Maci Isaly; Little Mister - Eli Midcap.

Haley Thomas represented the Chamber at the WV Fairs & Festivals state pageant in January of this year. Congratulations and thank you to Haley for participating in the state pageant! All 2015 pageant winners will be recognized at the upcoming Community Awards event in April.

2015 Chili Fest Winners:

Chili Contest Winners: Business Winners 1st Place: CAM Safety, 2nd Place: Tasty Freez, 3rd Place: The Tin Ceiling. *Non-Profit Winners:* 1st Place: New Life Apostolic Church, 2nd Place: Tri-County Young Life, 3rd Place: Amanda Jo Ice Memorial Fund. *1st Place Individual:* Kristina & Jason Hiles, 2nd Place: Zoa Postlethwait & Josh, 3rd Place: John Artinez. *Taste Off Winner:* CAM Safety. *People's Choice:* Amanda Jo Ice Memorial Fund. *Restaurant Trophy Winner:* Tasty Freez. *Corn Hole Tournament Winners:* 1st Place Team: Mike Smith & Jon Yevuta, 2nd Place Team: Ralph Smith & Pat Lancaster, 3rd Place Team: Barry Suter & Bob Baxter. *Executive Directors Choice:* Best Costume CAM Safety-Carla McBee, Best Table: EZ Care. *Costume Parade Winners* Age 0-2: 1st Place: Emma Lee & Conner Campbell, 2nd Place: Nicholas & Joey Montgomery, 3rd Place: Addison Smith. Age 3-5: 1st Place: Andrew Witschey, 2nd Place: Arizona Fontner, 3rd Place: Sophia Shamblin. Age 6-9: 1st Place: Issac Ware, 2nd Place: Paige Galloway, 3rd Place: Eli Wetzel. Age 10-12: 1st Place: Abby Brady, 2nd Place: Owen Westbrook, 3rd Place: Issac Campbell. *Hot Pepper Eating Contest Winners:* 1st Place: James Grant, 2nd Place: Dena Cline, 3rd Place: Aydrean Hunt. *\$25.00 Gift Certificate-Economic Impact Study Drawing Winner:* Amy Romesburg. *\$25.00 Gift Certificate - Vendor Data Drawing Winner:* Linda Goddard. *5K Winners: Run: Male:* 1st Place Winner: Trenton Robinson-18.16, 2nd Place: Phil Bowser-18.53, 3rd Place: Matt Day-18.57. *Run: Female:* 1st Place Winner: Santana Vigilloti-25.04, 2nd Place: Sarah Shepherd-26.15, 3rd Place

Winner: Jessica Bennett-28.29. Kids Female: 1st Place Winner: Alyssa Hornbeck-31.28, 2nd Place Winner: Sienna McKeevar-35.52. Kids Male: 1st Place Winner: Silas McKeevar-41.06. Walk Male: 1st Place Winner: Ernie Doll-36.30, 2nd Place Winner: Jimmy Colvin-42.34, 3rd Place Winner: Terence Zuber-43.22. Walk Female: 1st Place Winner: Lois Ebeling-35.38, 2nd Place Winner: Olivia Mensore-36.29, 3rd Place Winner: Trisha Mensore-37.33.

The Chamber held its **1st Annual Christmas Decorating Contest** and had some beautiful entries to judge! Over \$900 in prizes were awarded. There were two main categories: Commercial and Residential. There were also four subcategories for the Residential: Religious, Nostalgic, Martha Stewart, and Clark Griswold. This year's winners were: Commercial - Balloon Ovations. Residential Overall Winner: Courtney Valentin, Residential Religious - Gary Campbell, Residential Nostalgic - Mary Miles, Residential Martha Stewart - Courtney Valentin, and Residential Clark Griswold - Tim & Carmen Shepherd. Thank you to all that participated in the contest! Prizes were donated by: WETZ/Dailey Corporation, Holiday Inn Express, Riggerbach Tile & Carpet, The Tin Ceiling, and Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce. Cricket Web Services donated signs and photography services. Watch for our contest again this year!

The **1st Annual Festival of Trees Event** was a great success! Over 60 folks came out to show their support. By holding two other fundraisers earlier in 2015, Pedal Power Poker Run and the Chili Fest 5K, the Chamber disbursed a total of \$4,694.54 to Bags of Blessings, Bags of Bounty, Esther Crumbly, Catholic Charities, Open Door Ministries, and Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you to all the organizations that donated their time and decorated a Christmas Tree and/or wreath for the auction (amount each tree/wreath sold for is shown) Artslink (\$150), All Valley Dance (\$100), New Martinsville Lions Club (\$300), Peoples Bank (\$140), Park Car Wash & Laundromat (\$230), Statoil (\$150), Wetzel Valley Agencies (\$525), S&S Diamonds & Fine Jewelry (\$75), Fran Caldwell, Susan Polling (\$25), Journey Hospice (\$325), Flower Basket & Gift Shop (\$270), City Wide Insurance (\$260 & \$120), WVNCC (\$100), The Tin Ceiling (\$55), and Terri Tyler (\$150). Many thanks to all that attended and the volunteers that made this event possible!

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" . . . was the theme for our **2015 Christmas Parade**. The Parade was held in downtown New Martinsville on Saturday, Dec 5th at 6 PM. The *Christmas Parade Winners* were: Organization: 1st Place Winner: Cub Scout Pack #128, 2nd Place Winners: Bible Truth Baptist Church & Tyler County Shrine Roadsters. Performance: 1st Place Winner: Arielettes, 2nd Place Winners: Encore Baton Twirling Studio & All Valley School of Dance. Animal: 1st Place Winner: Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club, 2nd Place Winner: Riley "The Snow Princess", 3rd Place Winner: S & W Horses. Commercial: 1st Place Winner: Lucky D Farm, 2nd Place Winner: WVNCC. Band: 1st Place Winner: Paden City Marching Band, 2nd Place Winners: Shortline Band & New Martinsville School. There was a Christmas Tree Lighting in the New Martinsville City Hall's courtyard following the parade. The tree was donated by Jolliffe's Nursery in Hundred, and it featured ornaments made by the children of the area and was lit for the entire season. Children came to the Chamber office to make their own ornaments for the tree. There were Christmas activities scheduled all day along Main Street. Santa also visited the children at the Tree lighting.

2016 Upcoming Events:

Lunch & Learn Series is back! The Chamber is excited to be partnering with West Virginia Northern Community College, New Martinsville Campus to bring back the Lunch & Learn Series. The first was held on March 1st at 12 pm in Room 110, with a topic that's on the radar for businesses everywhere, Drug Abuse in the Workplace presented by Carla McBee. She discussed drug abuse in the area, signs of drug abuse and the process of drug testing for employees of businesses. Ms. McBee is store manager and trainer for CAM Safety in New Martinsville. In addition, she is the medical examiner for Wetzel and Tyler counties and has worked in those counties for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Charleston for 15 years. She has conducted

classes on “Street Drug Abuse” for the community, for industry and for Wetzel County Schools. Retired from the Wetzel County Emergency Medical Services after 22 years in the field as a paramedic, Ms. McBee has seen all sides of what drug abuse can do to families and communities. At CAM Safety, she is in charge of the drug testing process and has first-hand knowledge of how it affects industry and any hiring process. She is involved in training the community in how to recognize drug abuse and how to do effective CPR if needed until emergency help arrives. A longer version of this topic will be held on a future date. Watch the website :wetzelcountychamber.com

SAVE THE DATE: the next series is **Tuesday, March 29 at noon: “Helping the media Help your Business.”**. Bob DeFrancis, WVNCC’s dean of community relations, will address the issue at noon on Tuesday, March 29, in Room 110 of the New Martinsville campus. DeFrancis said he plans to discuss news release preparation, how to distribute news, how to handle crisis situations, social media, and the paid advertising component. DeFrancis has been employed at West Virginia Northern since March of 2001. His department is responsible for internal and external public relations, marketing, the website, creation and printing of various college publications, and community outreach. Previous to joining the college, DeFrancis worked for 32 years at newspapers published by Ogden Newspapers Inc. in Wheeling and Parkersburg in various newsroom and business positions. Open to the public, free admission. Lunch will be provided. Call 304-455-3825 to RSVP or email: chamber@wetzelcountychamber.com

Business After Hours – March 24, 2016 at 5:30 PM at Doolin Security Savings Bank at 610 North State Rt 2, New Martinsville, WV. Doolin will be celebrating their 120th Anniversary! Be sure to RSVP for this event at 304-455-3825 or email: chamber@wetzelcountychamber.com. Chamber members bring your Business cards for the Big Bucks drawing (\$300)!

Quota Club of New Martinsville, WV- is having a Pampered Chef & Thirty-One Purse Bingo on **April 3rd, 2016** at Klug Hall Rosary Rd. Early Bird starts at 1:30 PM, Bingo at 2:00 PM. Donation \$20. Proceeds benefit Quota service projects. Must be 18 years of age or older to participate. You can make a monetary donation which can be used to sponsor a purse. The purse sponsorships are: \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00, or \$100.00. If you have any questions please call: Diana Kline-Powell at 304-455-6111 or 304-771-4111. Or contact Judy Yeager at 304-337-2670 or 304-771-3636.

Wetzel County Candidates Night - April 12th, 2016 – CORRECTION: LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.
Reception starts at 5:30 PM, live radio broadcast at 6PM.

3rd Annual Shortline Ramp Festival - Saturday, April 16th 2016, 11 AM to 3PM, at the Robert C. Byrd Center in Pine Grove, WV. Lots of Activities!!! Raising of the Flag, Blessing of the Bikes, Ramp Cook Off, Ramp Tasting Contest, Ramp Dinner, Crafters/Vendors, Little Miss & Little Mister Ramp Fest Personality Contest, Children’s Games & prizes, 5K Run/Walk, Horseshoe Tournament, Live Local Entertainment. Bring your family and friends! For more information call 304-455-3825, or email chamber@wetzelcountychamber.com. Download forms at www.wetzelcountychamber.com

Business After Hours - April 21st, 2016. Statoil will be hosting. Located at 42722 State Route 7 Hannibal, OH (Hannibal Industrial Park). More information coming soon!

Lunch & Learn - April 26th at 12:00 PM in Room 110 at WVNCC, New Martinsville campus. Wetzel-Tyler Child Advocacy Center will be our guest host. More information coming soon!

Awards Dinner - April 28th 2016. 5:30 PM at the Mollahan Center, New Martinsville. Make your reservation today at the Chamber Office! Chamber members \$25 and non-members \$30, check or cash accepted at the office. Payment required prior to event date.

Featured Member

All Chamber members are worthy of mentioning in our Featured member section, however we can only choose one at a time. Our Featured member this issue is Sistersville Pharmacy.

Pharmacy Staff:

Pharmacist Brian Holmes, a local native from Friendly, WV, serves as the pharmacist-in-charge and be the primary pharmacist for Sistersville Pharmacy. Brian is a graduate of the University of Charleston and should be a familiar face to long-time HPS pharmacy patients. **Technicians Sharon and Kim** continue to provide friendly, reliable customer service. They are your insurance billing experts and greet you with good conversation and a smile.



Experience the Difference

Pharmacy Services:

Durable Medical Equipment- Sistersville Pharmacy offers durable medical equipment including canes, crutches, braces, supports, bathroom aids, compression hose, and much, more.... Moundsville Pharmacy is a Medicare-Accredited DME provider and we plan to bring the same level of service to Sistersville Pharmacy.

Immunizations- Sistersville Pharmacy is your Immunization Headquarters. We offer flu and pneumonia vaccines, the shingles vaccine, and additional vaccines for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, tetanus, and pertussis. If you're not sure which vaccines are indicated for you, visit Sistersville Pharmacy for your vaccine consultation and to see what your insurance covers.

SyncRx+ Program- In 2013, Moundsville Pharmacy developed a synchronization and medication review program that is now being taught to pharmacies across the country. Sistersville Pharmacy is excited to introduce this FREE program to your community! SyncRx+ is better than any other refill program available to you – ensuring that you always have the medications you need and that they are the best medications for you!!! SyncRx+ is designed to synchronize your prescriptions to one monthly visit to the pharmacy. Each month a pharmacist will call you to review your medications so that we only fill what you need. And for your convenience, we offer delivery or mailing of these prescriptions at no charge.

Prescription Delivery- Sistersville Pharmacy provides delivery service to Middlebourne Senior Center and has expanded delivery throughout the community to ensure every patient is able to get their medications when they need them. **Medicare Part D and Medication Therapy Management Services-** Sistersville Pharmacy offers review of Medicare Part D plans by appointment to help patients review their insurance options each year. In addition, pharmacists are contracted with most insurances to provide Medication Therapy Management services.

Sistersville Pharmacy provides pharmacy services to meet the needs of your community. We appreciate the long-time patients who have witnessed and supported the pharmacies growth, improvements, and recent transition.

Chamber Programs

Chamber Community Cash! Not only is this a great gift idea year round but a program which is designed to help stimulate local shopping with area businesses. Anyone can purchase a Chamber Community Cash certificate at the Chamber office for \$25. Participating businesses are listed on the back of certificate.

Certificate can be used same as cash at any of the participating business locations. Businesses will submit the certificates to chamber for reimbursement less 5%. The Chamber will retain 5% which will be used toward the community project Pay It Forward Grant Opportunity.

This is a great opportunity; these certificates can be given as gifts and can be used at any participating business. Certificate must be used in its entirety at one location. *Restrictions may apply.* You become a participating business by calling the Chamber Office today at 304-455-3825! Businesses do not have to be a Chamber Member to participate, but if interested in membership please call the Chamber office at 304-455-3825.

Our goal was 20 local participating businesses before going live with this program, we are up to 29! The Chamber thanks each of the following for participating in this great program: ***A 1 Automotive Services LLC, ArtsLink, Azteca Mexican Restaurant, BalloonOvations, Bon Bon's Café, Flower Basket & Gift Shop, Hatfield Graphics, Holiday Inn Express, Kings Corner, Marietta Office Supply, Marv's Place Restaurant, Olive Branch Shops, Plaza Latina, Prodigy Wellness Center, Reliable Supply, Riggerbach Tile & Carpet, S & S Diamonds & Fine Jewelry, Susie's Crafts, Shooters Saloon & Catering, Tammy's Country Crafts, The Arcane Games Store, The Orchard B & B and Gift Shop, The Supply Closet, The Tin Ceiling, Veteran's Bluegrass Association, Wayside, White Caps Creative Group, Witschey's, and Your Second Hand Stores.*** So what are you waiting for, stop in and purchase a gift certificate for that "hard to buy for person"!

Want to know what the Pay It Forward Grant Opportunity is all about?

The Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce wanted to "Pay It Forward"! The Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce Pay It Forward Program was designed to support projects that benefit Wetzel, Tyler, and Monroe Counties. This program contributes in a small way to the betterment of local communities and is one way the Chamber can thank all of its supporters.

It is open to projects in all organizations in Wetzel Co., WV, Tyler Co., WV, and Monroe Co., OH that would positively impact a community. The grant award amount is \$500. The 2015 winner was The Paden City Garden Club with the project: Enhancement of the City Park Butterfly Garden.

The applications were considered in a "blind" selection through committee. No names or applicant information was provided to committee until after a selection was made. ***Keep watching future newsletters and the website for the upcoming 2016 applications to become available!***

You want to be more active in your community? Check into membership with the Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce. Did you know you can be a member if you are an individual, business, civic organization, oil and gas industry, etc. Become a member and be a part of the events and activities that are creating talk around the area and help stimulate the economy by discussing and implementing fresh ideas and programs. Call 304-455-3825 to request more information.

Are you a Chamber Member and have a community event you want showcased? Email information and pictures to chamber@wetzelscounty.com to be considered for placement in the next newsletter.

Steppin' Out

The Chamber Ambassadors have travelled to Sistersville, Middlebourne, New Martinsville, Pine Grove, and Sardis OH last year. The Ambassadors visit existing, potential, and new members. The visits give

members an opportunity to talk with peers and chamber staff about any issue, concern, accomplishment or upcoming event. It also helps educate the ambassadors on the services offered by our members. The ambassadors take one afternoon a month to visit the surrounding areas. If you are interested in becoming an ambassador or if you would like the ambassadors to schedule a visit to your location, please call 304-455-3825.

Doing Business Today

Tip: Sometimes as consumers, as well as business owners, we have questions concerning pricing in our area. If you do have questions or concerns, consider contacting the following people.

WV Attorney General

CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION
812 Quarrier Street, 1st Floor
Charleston, WV 26301-2617

Public Service Commission

CONSUMER ADVOCATE DIVISION
Union Bldg., 7th Floor 723 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25301-2703



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Meetings

Economic Growth Committee will be meeting soon in the Chamber Conference Room, located at 201 Main Street New Martinsville. Any member or non-member interested in participating on this committee may do so. Call 304-455-3825 to be added to the email notification list.

Membership / Community Committee will be meeting soon in the Chamber Conference Room. Any member or non-member interested in participating on this committee may do so. Call 304-455-3825 to be added to the email notification list.

Events & Special Programs Committee will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 8 AM in the Chamber Conference Room. Any member or non-member interested in participating on this committee may do so. Call 304-455-3825 to be added to the email notification list.

Executive Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 AM in the Chamber Conference Room. Any member or non-member who wishes to address the Committee must be placed on the agenda ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the last Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM at West Virginia Northern Community College in Room 110. This meeting is open to the public. Any member or non-member who wishes to address the Board must be placed on the agenda ten (10)

days prior to the meeting.

Oil and Gas News

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Where trade and/or company names appear, no discrimination is intended, and no endorsement by Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce is implied.

Check out:

Shale Play. www.shaleplayohiovalley.com This publication contains some interesting regional news.

Ohio Valley Connector Project Update:

<https://www.egtmidstreampartners.com/current-projects/ohio-valley-connector>

Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project:

http://elibrary.FERC.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20150520-5023

ET Rover Pipeline:

http://energytransfer.com/ops_etровер.aspx

Supply Header Project:

<https://www.dom.com/supplyheader>

Mountain Valley Pipeline:

<http://mountainvalleypipeline.info/>

Chamber mission: "The Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce exists to create value for communities by increasing understanding, appreciation and promotion of the assets and opportunities in Wetzel County and surrounding areas."

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