

Building Successful Communities

July 2016

Greetings Everyone!! Hope the spring and summer have been good to all.
Here's a look at some Chamber activities, events, and news . . .

Looking Back . . .

3rd Annual Shortline Ramp Festival – was held Saturday, April 16 at the Robert C. Byrd Center in Pine Grove. We had a wonderful turnout for the event. Overall Event Logo Design Winner: Darrien Ritchie of Paden City High School. 5 K Logo Design Winner: Kasey Barker of Shortline School. Ramp Fest Cook Off Winners: Non Profit – Veterans Bluegrass Association; Individual – Tom “Pap” Ankrom; Business – Shooters Saloon. Little Miss – Landon Martin; Little Mr. – Gavin Lewis. Ramp Eating Contest: Matthew Fordyce 39 ramps in one minute! 5 K Run Winner: Kyle Wesoloski; 5 K Walk – Trace Freed.

Awards Dinner was held April 28 at the Mollohan Center, New Martinsville. Award winners were: Business Owner of the Year, Brooke LeMasters; Citizen of the Year, Pastor Mike Shank; Educator of the Year, Elisa Sprowl; Employee of the Year, Sherry Hill; Professional of the Year, Corporal Roger Spragg; and Youth Leadership of the Year, Clayton Myers. Azteca Mexican Restaurant won the Taste of the Valley Competition. Thank you to everyone that attended and voted! Congratulations to all the award winners – thank you for your continued efforts and dedication to the community!

Chamber Networking Opportunities

Lunch & Learn Series – The next Lunch & Learn Series is Tuesday, August 30th at noon at WVNCC, New Martinsville Campus, Rm 110. DeAnn Cummings will be the guest speaker; topic will be Branding Your Business. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to 304-455-3825 or email at chamber@wetzelcountychamber.com to make your reservation!

BIG Bucks Drawing - The Big Bucks drawing was added as an activity at the Chamber Business After Hours. For those not sure what this is . . . It is a drawing that every business, organization, or individual member gets one disc in a basket – that means one chance for the contact person for that business or organization to be drawn at the BAH. If that business or organization has representation at the event and they have a business card – that person gets an additional disc put into the drawing. This drawing starts out at \$50 and each BAH that does not have a winner the amount goes up \$50. It caps at \$500, until there is a winner. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** Below are some of the folks that have been drawn. As you can see only two winners this year!

- 1.21.16- Plaza Latina – WINNER - \$250
- 3.24.16- Swiss Valley Associates - NOT Present
- 4.19.16-Senator Kent Leonhardt - NOT Present
- 5.5.16-Wetzel County Commission - NOT Present
- 6.16.16- Hundred Area Pride - NOT Present
- 7.21.16 – Cricket Web Services – WINNER - \$500



Cricket Web Services – Big Bucks Winner!
Pictured left to right: Eric Vincent, Chamber Treasurer; Michael Scharf, Cricket Web Services.

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Ribbon Cutting – The Original PJ’s Pizza – August 11 at 5 PM. Event begins at 4 PM with live radio broadcast. Located at 495 Third Street, New Martinsville WV. Enjoy the afternoon and welcome new owners of this great local pizza restaurant! Call 304-455-3825 to RSVP!

Members.

List of 2016 New Members

Charles Clements, Hughes Xerographic, Sleep Outfitters, Gabriel Project of WV; Marietta Office Supply; MOS; Mountain Maids & Men; RegattaFest; Susie’s Crafts; The Arcane Game Store; The Original P J’s Pizza; Wetzel County Farmers Market; Rachel Herrick; Mid Atlantic ProTel AT&T; Jenetta Thoms; Microtel Inn & Suites; Catholic Charities WV; Myers Funeral Home; The Lighthouse Child Advocacy Center; CESO, Inc.; Dennis Miller Doors & Windows; Linda Goddard; Mountain River Physical Therapy; New Martinsville Inn; and Wetzel Transit & Limo.

Complete List of Chamber Members as of August 10, 2016

1Better ; A & A Supply; AAA Homes, Inc; Air Evac Lifeteam; Anderson Orthodontics; Artslink; Axial Industries; Azteca Mexican Restaurant; Balloon Ovations; Bayer Heritage Federal Credit Union; Bee Electric Heating & Cooling; Blake’s Auto Glass; Brenda S. Botizan CPA, A.C.; Business Machine Services/ RCS Printing; Fran Caldwell; CAM Safety, LLC; Captain Richards Steak Buffet; Catholic Charities WV; CESO, Inc; Charles Clement, Choo Choo Restaurant; City of New Martinsville; Citywide Insurance; Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley; Community Resources, Inc. (Wetzel Co.); COVESTRO/Bayer Material Science LLC; Cricket Web Services; Dennis Miller Doors & Windows; Dominion; Domino’s Pizza; Doolin Security Savings Bank; ECSI, LLC; Enterprise Rent A Car; EQT; Lane Evans; Minerva Evans; EZ Care Walk-In Center; EZ to Use.com; First Christian Church; Flower Basket & Gift Shop; Frontier Communications; Gabriel Project of WV; Linda Goddard; Grisell Funeral Home; Gump’s Septic & Porta John Service; David W. Harshberger OD; Hartley & Straub, CPA’s; Rachel Herrick; Holiday Inn Express & Suites; Hometown Racing Assoc./DBA:Tyler County Speedway; Hughes Xerographic, Hundred Area Pride; Hunts Painting & Contracting; J. C. Mensore Distributor, Inc.; Jarvis-Williams Funeral Home; Jim Klug Excavating Inc.; Ellen Kanz; King’s Corner; Land Services, LLC; Scott Lemley; Senator Kent Leonhardt; Lions Club, New Martinsville; Lisa Shepherd State Farm; Litman Excavating Inc.; Marietta Office Supply; Don Mason; McDonalds; McKinley & Associates Inc.; Bettie Jo Mellott; Memory Makers Photo; Microtel Inn & Suites; Mid Atlantic Protel AT&T; Mikes Certified Auto Repair LLC; MOS; Mountain Maids & Men; Mountain River Physical Therapy; Myers Funeral Home; National Council on Aging; New Life Apostolic Church; New Martinsville Center-Genesis Health Care; New Martinsville Church of God; New Martinsville House Church; New Martinsville Inn; New Martinsville Public Library; New Martinsville Rotary Club; Ogden Publications; Ohio Valley River Museum, Inc.; Olive Branch Animal Rescue & Refuge Inc.; Open Door Ministries; Oshawa Central Newspaper; Paden City Development Authority; Park Car Wash & Laundromat; Penn Environmental & Remediation, Inc.; Peoples Bank; Delegate David Pethel; Progressive Bank; Quinet’s Court Restaurant; Quota International of New Martinsville; Dick Reed; Vicki Reed; RegattaFest; Ridge 2 River Realty, LLC; Riggerbach Tile & Carpet; S&S Diamonds & Fine Jewelry; Serenity Views; Seven Ranges Radio Co. WXCR-FM (92.3) & WRRR-FM (93.9); Shooters Saloon; Shortline Home Improvement, LLC; Sistersville General Hospital; Sistersville Pharmacy; Sleep Outfitters; Snyder & Hassig; Statoil; Suddenlink Business; Susie’s Crafts; Sweetcreek Sugarworks; Swiss Valley Associates, Inc.; The Arcane Game Store; The Lighthouse Child Advocacy Center; The Orchard Bed & Breakfast; The Original P J’s Pizza; The Supply Closet; Jenetta Thoms; Town and Country Days Fair Board; Traveler’s Inn/Gauri, Inc.; Tri County Hearing Center; Universal, Inc.; Valley Plumbing & Electric, Inc; Walmart #2684; Walton Electric & Supply;

Wayside Furniture; WesBanco; WETZ AM/FM; Wetzel Chronicle; Wetzel County EMS; Wetzel County Board of Education; Wetzel County Commission; Wetzel County Convention & Visitors Bureau; Wetzel County Farmers Market; Wetzel County Home Care; Wetzel County Hospital; Wetzel County Solid Waste Authority; Wetzel Transit & Limo; Wetzel Valley Agencies; Wheeling Nailers; White Caps Creative Group, LLC; Williams; Williams Funeral Home; Witschey's Food and Pharmacy; WVDRS-Sistersville Branch; WVNCC; WVU Extension; and Your Second Hand Stores.

Coming Up

Time Capsule – Official closing will be held September 3, 2016 at 6pm. They are accepting in 400 words or less a paragraph or letter telling something interesting about your family, that you would want people in 100 years to know. For more information or questions, please contact Fran Caldwell at 304-455-5092.

Pedal Power Poker Run- Sunday, August 21 from 2 - 4 PM at Bruce Park.

Cost is \$5 per rider or \$20 per family. Age categories: 5 and under; 6 to 10; 11 to 15; 16 to 50; 51 and up. This 5K bike ride, walk/run is not a timed event. Best card hand wins! Prizes, entertainment, games, and lots of fun for the entire family! This is a fundraiser for Festival of Trees which helps support: Gabriel Project of WV, Olive Branch Animal Rescue & Refuge, and The Lighthouse Child Advocacy Center. If you have any questions call 304-455-3825 or email at chamber@wetzelcountychamber.com. Check out the website:

www.wetzelcountychamber.com for registration form and course map. (Pictured: Sharon Thomas, Chamber Staff, Linda Henriksen, Olive Branch; Linda Barth, Gabriel Project; Susan Scharf, Lighthouse Child Advocacy Center.)



New Event! Wetzel Tyler Entrepreneur Pitch - Calling all Entrepreneurs in Wetzel and Tyler County!

Been in business for less than a year, wanting to start a business or expand a new line in your business?

--- Now is your chance to win some start up money --- The Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce is hosting its inaugural Wetzel Tyler Entrepreneur Pitch Tuesday, October 4, 2016. Applications and more information will be available online soon! Watch the Chamber website: www.wetzelcountychamber.com. Funding for this event made available through EQT Corp Community Development Grant and Vision Shared.

Chili Fest 5 K Run / Walk, October 29 at 9 AM. Registration starts at 8 AM in front of chamber office, 201 Main Street, New Martinsville. This year event will be timed by TriStateRacers. Go to Tristateracing.com to register. \$15 if pre-registered by October 24 – and get free t-shirt. Entry fee day of event is \$20. Proceeds go to support Festival of Trees. Organizations selected to receive proceeds are: Gabriel Project of WV, Olive Branch Animal Rescue, and The Lighthouse Child Advocacy Center.

Chili Fest- Saturday, October 29th from 12 - 4 pm. More information coming soon!

Festival of Trees- Friday, November 18th at 7:00 pm. More details to follow.

Christmas Parade and Activities- Saturday, December 3rd. Parade starts at 6pm. Activities will be ongoing throughout the day.

Thank YOU to all the 2016 Sponsors!!!!

Grisell Funeral Homes; Axiall; Serenity Views; Witschey's; J C Mensore Distributor; Sistersville Pharmacy; New Martinsville Church of God; Hartley & Straub; EQT Corp; Riggerbach Tile & Carpet; New Martinsville Regatta; Gastar Exploration; WesBanco; S & B Enterprises; Dominion; Kennebec Ridge Farm; Quantum Source Insurance Group; American Legion Riders Ch. 28; Masons Depot; Mike Poulton; Penn E & R, Vision Shared, Shooters Saloon, Palmer Funeral Home, Rick Barr, WVNCC, Mike's Certified Auto Repair, Barista's, and Amazing Raise Contributors.

Featured Member

All Chamber members are worthy of mentioning in our Featured member section, however we can only choose one at a time. If you would like your business or organization featured, please send information to: chamber@wetzelscounty.com.

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.

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, 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.

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@wetzelcountychamber.com to be considered for placement in the next newsletter.

Member to Member Discounts

Air Evac LifeTeam offers a \$10 discount on a one year membership to anyone who is a member or works for a member of the Chamber. If you have any questions, please call 304-398-4906

Artslink offers a 10% discount on business memberships - \$5 off a small business membership (<10 employees) or \$15 off a corporate membership (>11 employees) For more information please call 304-455-2278

Balloon Ovation-20% off any booking or order of \$50 or more. For more information, please call 304-771-6028.

Flower Basket & Gift Shop-10% Discount to Members. For more information, please call 304-455-6111.

Riggenbach Tile & Carpet offers a 10% discount off all non-sale, non special merchandise to all Chamber members at any time. For more information, please call 304-455-1221.

S & S Diamonds & Fine Jewelry offers a 10% savings Gift Card. Each purchase receives a 10% savings which is placed on a gift card. You can allow the savings to build each time on your future purchases. For more information, please call 304-455-6390.

The Central Newspaper offers a FREE Full Page Ad to any new Chamber member. Call 304-243-0780.

Wheeling Nailers offers a 10% discount to any Chamber Member. Contact Craig Bommer at 304-234-4625 or email at cbommer@wheelingnailers.com

Whitecaps Creative Group offers a 30 minutes business review. Call 740-228-1907 for more information .

Enterprise Rent A Car offers a discount on Rental. For more information, please call Jeremy Dickston at 304-455-4070.

Marietta Office Supply offers discounts on office supplies. For more information, please call 740-373-6987.

Steppin' Out

The Chamber 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. They also assist with event registrations and meet and greet at events. 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 is held the first Monday of every month at 5:30 pm in the Chamber Conference Room, located at 201 Main Street New Martinsville. September meeting will be on Monday, Sept 12 due to the holiday. 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 is held the third Wednesday of every month at 12 pm 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.

Ambassadors Committee is held the first Wednesday of every month at 12 pm 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 the next scheduled meeting is August 16 at 8 AM in the Chamber Conference Room. Please call the Chamber office to find out the date of next meeting. This committee has subcommittees for each event, call to find out specific meeting dates. 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 first 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.

Strategic Plan Committee is held the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm 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.

Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the third 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

IMPORTANT Note:

This information is for educational purposes only. No part of this information is to be considered legal advice. Please consult with your attorney before signing any legal document.

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_etrover.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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