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A brand new Chrysler 200 will be the Hole-In-One prize at the Chamber's Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Tournament on June 7. Seen here (l to r) is Josie Pelzer, owner Rotolo's Motors and hole-in-one sponsor, Jerry Zahand, Sr., Highway Appliance, event sponsor, Denise Mornak, Mornak Excavation and Nicole Fioravante, Donora Lumber, golf committee volunteers. See story page 4 and insert for more information.

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May Member Spotlight CHANNEL CRAFT & DISTRIBUTION



Deb Keefer, Chamber Director and Dean Helfer, Jr., Owner

Channel Craft and Distribution is honored in the May Member Spotlight. Now in its 30th year as a premier toy maker in the United States, Channel Craft manufactures a unique line in North Charleroi. The company has been featured on ABC's World News as part of its "Made in America" series as well as on the Fox News Channel. Dean encourages everyone to "make out your wish list," and visit www.channelcraft.com.

Channel Craft is a 20 year member of the MVRCC.



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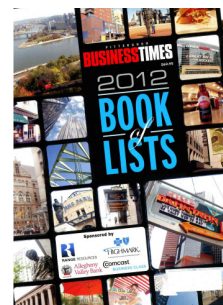
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*These renewals only reflect dues received as of April 30, 2012. Other 2012 renewals were published in previous issues of the Reporter. New memberships are accepted throughout the year.



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May 15 at the Chamber Luncheon
at California University of PA
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Thank you!

May Insert Sponsors

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CHAMBER NEWS



MEMBER LUNCHEON Tuesday, May 15, 2012

11:45-1:00 P.M.

Lunch Begins Promptly at Noon!

**Convocation Center
California University of PA**



River's Bend Conference Services will welcome the membership, and will follow with a presentation by representatives of **Leadership Washington County** and **The Challenge Program**. The Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament hosted by the Chamber each year, funds these two programs.

Terri Joyce, administrator for the Leadership program will brief the audience on current class activities. In addition, Leadership alumni will be on hand to offer testimonials.

Mary Drelisak of the Challenge Program will explain how the Challenge initiative has inspired and motivated students in our Mon Valley region through the contributions of the Chamber and many other local companies. Mary is known for her dynamic speaking abilities and passion for expanding the Challenge Program into Western Pennsylvania.

Attendees can make reservations at a cost of \$18.00/member and \$20/non member. Any non member attending the luncheon will receive a \$20 credit on 2012 membership.

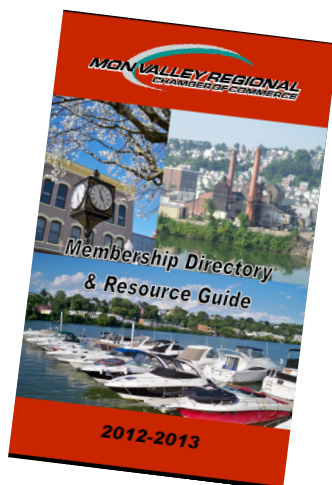
Attendees may register by calling, faxing, or e-mailing the Mon Valley Regional Chamber office. info@mvrchamber.org, 724-483-3507 or printing a faxable registration form at www.mvrchamber.org. The Chamber accepts VISA, Mastercard and Discover.



Member must be current on 2012 dues and present to win!

CHAMBER DIRECTORY AND RESOURCE GUIDE

The 2012-2013 Chamber Directory and Resource Guide is being finalized for printing. A huge "Thank You" goes out to all of Mon Valley Regional Chamber members and advertisers for making this year's directory the most successful ever. Members will receive their copy in the US mail in early June. An additional 600+ copies are distributed throughout high traffic areas in the Mon Valley. Special acknowledgement to Donna Angelo of the Chamber staff who makes this publication a piece that we are so proud of!



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Tabloid: Tuesday, June 5. Tabloid—Publication date:
Thursday, June 14, 2012.

CHAMBER NEWS

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The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Melvin B. Bassi Golf Tournament will be held at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth on June 7, 2012. An 8:00am registration and practice will be followed by a 9:00am shotgun start. **Highway Appliance** will be the main event sponsor.

A brand new Chrysler 200 will be given away as a Hole-in-One Prize sponsored by **Rotolo Motors** of North Charleroi. In addition, several auxiliary prizes will be offered on other holes. Butler's Golf Course is a Billy Casper® managed golf course, and more information about the course can be accessed at www.butlersgolf.com.

Specialty sponsors to date are **Charleroi Federal, Lee Supply, Monongahela Valley Hospital, Davies Ford, Valley Tire Company, McKnight Medical, Gateway Engineers, E.J. Burns Construction and Bassi, McCune and Vreeland.**



Cory Neiderheiser from Progeny Systems prepares for shotgun start at the 2011 event.

Foursomes, sponsorships and door prizes (\$25 value or more) are now being accepted by calling Deb or Donna at 724-483-3507. Everyone (regardless of membership) is invited to attend this very popular event and has sold out in the past therefore early registrations are encouraged. The cost per golfer is only \$120 and includes greens fees and cart, lunch, beverages, dinner, golfer's goody bag, and many other extras. The Chamber accepts VISA, MasterCard and Discover. *See insert to register today!*

Proceeds from the Bassi Tournament fund Leadership Washington County scholarships, The Challenge Program in local high schools, and several other educational initiatives in the Mid Mon Valley in memory of the late Attorney Melvin B. Bassi, outstanding community and business leader in the Mon Valley.

This year's Golf Committee is chaired by Milt Kubik and includes Michael Baines, J. J. Georgagis, Denise Mornak, Trish Brickner, Milt Kubik, Josie Pelzer, Diann Donaldson, Jeffrey Mendola and Jim Protin.

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Welcome New Business to Donora
CIALONE'S AUTO CARE CENTER



Cialone's Auto Care Center held a ribbon cutting recently. Pictured (L-R): FRONT: Aldina Cialone, Sampson the dog, Joe Cialone, Ruth Cialone (owners), Donora Mayor John Lignelli, Patricia Brickner, Robert Crall, J.J. Georgagis and Ronald Keston. BACK: Diane Bianchi, Judi Robbins, Steve Cialone (son of owners), Aaron Young, Brian Boyd (BG Products), Willis Abel, Dan Morris (Advanced Auto Commercial Accounts Manager), Chris Benedict (Advanced Auto Commercial Accounts Regional Manager), and Robert McKinley.

Cialone's Auto Care Center is a full service repair shop located at 948 McKean Avenue, Donora. For more information, please call 724-379-7102.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION WEEK AT RUPERT CHIROPRACTIC MAY 19—MAY 26

Rupert Chiropractic Clinic is celebrating another year of service to the community with a Community Appreciation Week—Saturday, May 19—Saturday, May 26. The event features free x-rays, orthopedic and neurological testing, confidential report of findings, and recommendations for care. **APPOINTMENTS MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE.** Call 724-483-4242.

A registration for a picnic cooler full of goodies including a \$50 gas card will be a part of the day's festivities.



Welcome New Business to Charleroi
VAIN SALON & DAY SPA



Vain Salon & Day Spa recently held a ribbon cutting at their recently opened location at 431 McKean Avenue in Charleroi. Seen here at the festivities (l to r) is Rick Mudrick, Mon Valley Regional Chamber Vice President, Keri Herron, stylist, Ryann Farquhar, owner, Mark Alterici, Charleroi Borough Council President, and Donn Henderson, Charleroi Borough Manager.

Vain Salon & Day Spa is a brand new business in downtown Charleroi that offers an array of services in a chic atmosphere at 431 McKean Avenue. Ryann Farquhar and company offer a menu of services that are designed to pamper and beautify including hair styling and coloring, and gel/spa manicures and pedicures. Cuts are offered for men, women and children alike. Call Vain Salon and Day Spa at 724-565-5315 today!

MEMBER NEWS

MON VALLEY COMMUNITY NIGHT
AT THE WILD THINGS

Sponsors Needed!
Call 724-483-3507



The Washington Wild Thing was recently spotted at the Charleroi Clean Up Days helping out and promoting Mon Valley Community Night!

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and **Mon Valley YMCA** will partner to host a Mon Valley Community Night at the Washington Wild Things Consul Energy Park —local talent Briana Brickner will sing the National Anthem, a 10 minute pre-game performance will be presented (details to come!), 10 Valley kids will “High Five” the players as they leave the dugout, giveaways, video board announcements and MORE!

5:30 pm – Bus leaves Chamber building for those purchasing bus/ticket package.

6:15pm—Those involved in pre-game will report to field

6:25pm—National Anthem by Briana Brickner

Membership in YMCA or the Mon Valley Regional Chamber is NOT required for this event—it is open to the entire Mon Valley community!

Tickets are now available at the MVRCC office and the Mon Valley YMCA, Taylor Run Road in Carroll Township. They also can be ordered from a form available on line at www.mvrchamber.org. Sorry, there will be no ticket holds at either the Chamber or YMCA location, no exceptions.

The cost of Bus & Reserved Seat: \$20/person

Reserved Seat Only: \$10/person

Bus tickets for riders under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Learn more about the Washington Wild Things at www.washingtonwildthings.com.

CHARLEROI BOROUGH CLEAN-UP A SUCCESS

Charleroi Borough Clean-Up Days were held on April 27th and 28th and according to Council President Mark Alterici the results exceeded expectations. “We accomplished even more than we expected because of the hard work of the many volunteers” Alterici stated. The two-day effort saw more than 70 volunteers from all sectors of the community participate. “It was a little cold both days but people showed up and worked really hard,” said Alterici.

The Borough recently asked property owners to clean up rubbish, signs, graffiti and other code violations. Alterici says the Borough is working hard to improve the community and it starts with simple things like cleaning up the town. “One step at a time we plan on improving our community and we know it will take a lot of help from people like those who volunteered for clean-up days,” Alterici added.



Above: The southern entrance to the Borough was also rehabilitated by Dennis Carson, road foreman for the Borough of Speers and volunteers from Lee Supply Company. Materials were provided by TEAM Charleroi and Lee Supply.

Right: Laine Mosco, Jayme Kepich and Nick Vaccaro of Charleroi Area High School are joined by Brittany Ferguson of California University in Clean Up effort.



Lee Supply Company donated the cost of this sign and professional landscaping for the Welcome sign on Lincoln Avenue. Their employees also pitched in to help.





**We Thank
You!**

VETERANS APPRECIATION & INFORMATION DAY

In Conjunction with Memorial Day

The Center on the Hill

100 Summit Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Friday, May 25, 2012 at Noon

(Free Lunch)

Enjoy a Musical Tribute to Veterans from Every Era

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CHARLEROI FARMER'S MARKET STARTING IN JULY

Charleroi Farmer's Market is scheduled to open Thursday, July 12 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The event is held at the Charleroi Market House at 423-427 McKean Avenue and runs Thursdays through October at the only covered market venue in the area.

Vendors to date include Volkar's Market, Harden Farm, Plum Run Winery and Christian Klay Winery.

Those interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor for the upcoming season may contact the Chamber at 724-483-3507.



GRC AND MVRCC DOUBLE UP AT JUNE EVENT

The Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce has invited the membership of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce to join them at their monthly luncheon meeting at the Willow Room on June 26. Networking begins at 11:30, and the luncheon concludes at 1:00 PM.

The new Belle Vernon Area Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Wilkinson, will serve as keynote speaker. Reservations can be made by calling Gina at the GRC at 724-929-3329.



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Mon Valley Community Night

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Consol Energy Park

See page 6 for details!

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

Tuesday, May 15—Chamber Luncheon, California University of PA, Convocation Center, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM.

See insert for details.

Wednesday, May 16 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Conference Room B, 8:00 AM

Friday, May 25—Veterans Appreciation & Information Day, Center on the Hill, Belle Vernon, Noon. *See page 7 for more information.*

Monday, May 28—Memorial Day, Chamber office closed.

Thursday, June 7—Melvin Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament, **NEW LOCATION!** Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth—9:00 AM Shotgun Start. *See story on page 4 and insert for details.*

Wednesday, June 20 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Board Room, 8:00 AM

Wednesday, June 20 —Mon Valley Community Night, Washington Wild Things vs. Florence Freedom, Consol Energy Park, Washington, Game starts 7:05 PM. *See page 6 for more information.*

Tuesday, June 26—Joint Chamber Luncheon w/Greater Rostraver Chamber, The Willow Room, Rostraver, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM. *Call Gina at 724-929-3329 for reservations.*

Watch the mail, e-mail, FACEbook and website for more information on all upcoming events!

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