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The Chamber Courier

Annual Dinner

On May 11, 175 Chamber members and guests gathered at the Great Trail Golf Course Tee House to celebrate the past year, honor some of our community's outstanding businesses, and hear a fantastic presentation by David Baker, president and executive director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Community Salute awards were presented to: Lions Den Sport Shop – Outstanding Small Business; Minerva Local School District – Outstanding Large Business; Dutchcraft Truss & Metal – Outstanding New/Emerging Business; Consumers National Bank – Economic Development; Minerva Bowl & Lunch and Tom Freeland – Appreciation Awards; and Susan Chaddock and Larry Pottorf – President's Awards.

Volunteers honored were Brandy Clark-Smith, Dannette Poteet, Marsha Bishop, Lenny VanPelt, Debbie Carle, Debi Sears, Brian Shaw, Tammy Cassidy, Diane & Dick Haines, and Cathy, Dick & Kelsey Pilati.

We would like to thank gold sponsors **David Catlett Construction**, See Dinner on Pg. 2



From the President

Dear Chamber members,

I am honored to have been elected as the Minerva Area Chamber's 2016 president. I am delighted to have this opportunity to serve our business community. It is an exciting time for our Chamber as we have new events planned, new businesses starting, and established businesses growing. In the past five years, a drive down Lincoln Way has changed considerably. Consumers National Bank has constructed a new facility, Kishman's IGA has expanded, the Minerva Dairy has added on, and the Church of the Nazarre Lighthouse has renovated and their building, inside and out. The Minerva community is growing!

In May we held our 2016 annual dinner at Great Trail Golf Course. What a wonderful evening of networking and

presenting awards! David Baker, the President/Executive Director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame was the evening's speaker. He discussed the new Hall of Fame Village and economic impact on the communities in this area. Mr. Baker is not only larger than life in person but also in personality! The Chamber board knows this year's dinner is going to be a tough act to follow and has already started brainstorming ideas for next year's speaker. We welcome any suggestions!

I look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming Chamber events, especially the Chamber Rodeo and concert on July 30. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or new ideas.

Have a blessed day,

Richelle Edwards
Frontier Communications

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- *Scott's Truck & Auto Service
- *Shopko Hometown of Minerva
- *Subway
- *Summit Glove
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- *Uptown Auto Service

From the Director's Desk

Dear Chamber members,

I have had friends introduce me to new people by saying, "This is Denise. She's the Chamber." I usually make light of this, because I know it is not true. Three things the Chamber is not - it is *not* "Me," "They," or "Them." Two things the Chamber is - "We" and "Us."

I'm biased, but I think the Minerva Chamber has some really good things going on, and, without exception, our great programs and community events are a result of members and volunteers taking ownership and pitching in.

One example of this is David Baker speaking at our annual dinner. I tried, unsuccessfully, to get Mr. Baker to speak at our 2015 annual dinner. His appearance at this year's dinner was the result of the efforts and connections of Matt Kishman, Mike Gallina, Joe Chaddock and Roger Bettis, who decided this was an opportunity they wanted for

their community and made it happen.

Another example is the Minerva Chamber Rodeo, which is being spearheaded by Dave Catlett of David Catlett Construction and Christine Pizzino of Studio C Salon. They came up with the idea and have done everything they can, from obtaining sponsors to making arrangements for facilities to organizing kids' events, to make it a success.

Lastly, our community events, such as the art and jazz festival, Oktoberfest, and Christmas celebration, could not happen without volunteers who dedicate many hours to planning and organization, usually in addition to full-time jobs, solely out of a commitment to our community.

Working with excellent and admirable people such as you makes me look good. I appreciate the Minerva Chamber members who are part of "Us"!

Denise Freeland

Dinner (cont. from Page 1)

Frontier Communications, The Hart Mansion Restaurant, Loudon Motors Ford, and Medicine Center Pharmacy.



Photos Courtesy of The News Leader

ABOVE LEFT: Receiving Community Salute awards are (front, from left) Beverlee Palmer, Minerva Bowl & Lunch; Angie Hoffee, Lions Den; Laurie McClellan, Consumers National Bank; Jennette Stoltzfus, Dutchcraft Truss & Metal; Susan Chaddock, past board member, and (back) Brad Palmer and Bill Palmer, Minerva Bowl; Mike Hoffee, Lions Den; Gary Chaddock, Minerva Local School District; Reggie Stoltzfus, Dutchcraft Truss; and Tom Freeland, Appreciation Award. Not pictured is Larry Pottorf, past board member. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Volunteers honored at the dinner are (front, from left) Kelsey Pilati, Cathy Pilati, Debi Sears, Diane Haines, and Brandy Clark-Smith, and (back) Debbie Carle, Lenny VanPelt, Marsha Bishop, Tammy Cassidy, Dick Haines, and Dick Pilati. Not pictured is Dannette Poteet.

Worker's Compensation true-up deadline is Aug. 15

UPDATE! The first-ever payroll true-up period for private employers begins July 1, 2016. Payroll true-up reports are due to BWC **no later than Aug. 15, 2016**. At the end of each private employer policy period (July), it is necessary to reconcile estimated payroll with actual payroll. This is called the True-up. This report can be completed online at: <http://ow.ly/4mWUlm> or over the phone by calling 1-800-644-6292.

This new payroll true-up process is part of prospective billing, and as a result, Ohio businesses are now required to reconcile their actual payroll annually for the prior policy year and also reconcile any differences in premium paid. According to BWC, the true-up allows more accurate premium calculation. Even if actual payroll for the year matches the original BWC estimate or a business had zero payroll, the true-up report must be completed.

The quickest and easiest way to true-up is online with a BWC e-account. If you do not have a BWC e-account you can create one by signing on to: <https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/SelfSvcAccountAdmin/newacc.asp>.

You can also complete the true-up through the BWC call center; however, wait times may be extremely high. As a result, BWC encourages the use of their online reporting system.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Again, **August 15, 2016** is the due date for your true-up report to be completed with BWC. This is a critical deadline, as the BWC has indicated that if a business does not complete the true-up timely, they may not be eligible for current, and future, alternative-rating and premium-discount programs such as Group Rating and Group Retrospective Rating. Once more, reports must be submitted either online at (<http://ow.ly/4mWUlm>) or by phone at 800-644-6292.

Unemployment Cost Control Tip:

If an employee gives notice of his intention to quit, be sure to allow the employee to work out his notice or pay them for the duration of the notice. Failure to do so may result in unemployment benefits being granted to the claimant by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. If the claim is allowed, the claimant can collect up to 26 weeks of unemployment. Avoid paying unemployment anytime possible to help control your unemployment tax rate. For additional information on controlling your unemployment expenses contact Kammy Staton at 614-526-7165 or Kammy.Staton@careworkscorp.com.

Hang it up!! Cell Phones, Texting and Car Crashes

Cell phone-related crashes have increased for the third consecutive year and now account for 27% of all crashes, according to the National Safety Council. The estimate includes crashes involving drivers who are texting or talking on handheld or hands-free cell phones.

The council estimates texting-related crashes jumped from 5 percent to 6 percent, while crashes involving drivers talking on cell phones remained at 21 percent.

"The incredible connectivity enabled by technology has resulted in a very dangerous environment behind the wheel," said Deborah A.P. Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council. "While the public understands the risks associated with distracted driving, the data shows the behavior continues. We need better education, laws and enforcement to make our roads safer for everyone."

The NSC calculates its estimate based on a model that uses inputs from federal fatality data, observational data and research into the crash risks associated with various forms of cell phone use.

Texting increases a driver's crash risk at least eight times; drivers talking on either handheld or hands-free cell phones are four times as likely to crash.

Texting at 55 MPH keeps your eyes off the road for the length of a football field.

Twenty-eight percent of accidents are from texting.

You are 23 times more likely to crash while texting.

In the U.S. a minimum of nine people die every day as a result of distracted driving

NSC created the annual estimate because cell-phone-related crashes are not well represented in federal fatality data.

For more information contact: **Bob Cannell** 614-706-8128 or bcannell@riskcontrol360.com.

Upcoming dates to remember

July 2016

- July 1 – Policy year 2016 first installment due
- July 1 – Policy year 2015 payroll true-up notice sent
- August 2016**
- Aug. 15 – Policy year 2015 payroll true-up report due
- November 2016**
- Nov. 21 – Policy year 2017 group- enrollment deadline

New Chamber members

Standard

Carnation Cleaners

Sherry Groom

121 E Main St., Alliance, 44601; 330-821-3636;
carnationcleaners.com

Carnation Cleaners is a full-service laundry, offering dry cleaning, alternations, and cobbling, now providing free pick up and delivery to the Minerva area.

High Point Real Estate Group

Jim & Susan Swain

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High Point Real Estate Group is the only brick and mortar real-estate agency in Minerva, and Jim and Susan Swain are Minerva real-estate experts with 15 years experience in our community. An on-staff social media marketer makes sure your listing is seen by all potential buyers.

Milazzo Italian Restaurant

Rose & Tony Conyers

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From our fresh bruschetta, stuffed mushrooms, garlic fries, stromboli and pizza, to our spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fettuccini alfredo, Italian pot roast, grilled shrimp with pesto, Angus ribeye, spumoni and tiramisu, Milazzo has something for everyone! See their new website: www.milazzoitaliangrill.com.

Minerva Church of the Nazarene Lighthouse

Tim Hawkins

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Home of the Minerva Church of the Nazarene, the Lighthouse has been completely renovated, offers concerts, and is available for weddings and community events. Church hours are Sunday – 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study – 7 p.m.

Tip Club updates

The Chamber's Tuesday and Wednesday **Tip Clubs** have combined and are meeting every Wednesday, 8-9 a.m. Members take turns arranging for a once-a-month speaker. This club is open to any Chamber member and offers opportunities for networking, referrals, and mutual support.

This group usually meets at Natural Approach Farm Store, 3944 Whitacre Ave., SE, but while Market Street is closed, it is meeting in other locations. If your business would like to host a Tip Club meeting, or for more information about this group, contact the Chamber office, Theresa Linder, tlinder@consumersbank.com; or Kim Weiss, kim.weiss@consumersbank.com.

Naturescapes

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Naturescapes is a full-service landscape contractor.

Oakhill Manor

Cindy O'Hara

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Oakhill Manor is a skilled nursing facility that provides a bridge between hospital and home, where you can find comfort, medical support, and the daily care needed to recover quickly and return home successfully with an improved quality of life. We offer physical, occupational, and speech therapies, respite care, and psychological and psychiatric services, along with wound and pain management, IC and infusion therapy, and a cardiac recovery program

Supporting

DriveNow Automotive

Tim Tuel

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DriveNow Automotive offers quality pre-owned vehicles at affordable prices. Our extensive relationships in the dealer community allow us to purchase a wide variety of lease returns and new car trades at exceptional values. DriveNow offers a full array of financing options and strives to help customers get the financing that fits their budget.

Summer in the Parks

Upcoming events include a Canton Symphony brass quintet on Aug. 11, 5:30 p.m., sponsored by Medicine Center Pharmacy; and Around the Block playing oldies, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.



LEFT: Amanda from Stark Parks has a talk with Mallory the mallard during "Sandy Creek Wildlife. RIGHT: Allison from Stark Parks exhibits a red-tailed hawk during "Birds of Prey."



BELOW: Celtic Rush plays while two members dance a jig.





The Minerva Chamber Rodeo is coming!

The first ever Minerva Chamber Rodeo on Saturday, July 30, in Municipal Park, is sure to be a fun event for all ages!

Kids' activities, as well as food and commercial vendors, will be in the park, with Sierra Sue performing her Wild West music show to kick off events at noon. There will also be stick-horse making, henna tattoos, and more. Kids' rodeo events, sponsored by Minerva Area YMCA, begin at 3 p.m. with Stick Horse Races and Mutton Busting preliminaries. The rodeo, presented by Buckeye Rodeo Company of Lakeville, Ohio, begins at 7 p.m., and events will include Bareback Bronc Riding, sponsored by Minerva Dairy Queen; Steer Wrestling, by The Hart Mansion Restaurant; Calf Roping, by Kiko Auctions; Bull Riding, by Frontier Communications; Barrel Racing, by Studio C Salon; Saddle Bronc Riding, by Kiko Meats; and Team Roping, by Uptown Auto Service, as well as the Mutton Busting finals and Calf Scramble for kids.

The Minerva Firemen's Association will sponsor a beer garden all day and a free concert by country band 23 Southbound at 9 p.m. The beer garden will also be open Friday evening during the Minerva vs. Carrollton Alumni Football Game, and many of the food vendors will also be set up.

Triple Crown Sponsors are **David Catlett Construction**, **Pole Barns Direct**, **Kishman's IGA**, and **Loudon Motors Ford**.

Other sponsors are: Tripping Collar – Frontier Communications, Colfor Manufacturing, and Summit Glove; Hat N Boots – Minerva Dairy; Bleacher sponsors – Contini Insurance, State Farm Insurance, Dowell Dental, and Ray Electric.

Still available are one \$300 bleacher sponsorship and a \$500 sponsorship for the Mutton Busting. If you're interested, please contact the Chamber office.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 20

Board of Directors meeting, 11:30 a.m., location to be determined

Friday, July 30

Minerva Chamber Rodeo, related activities, and 23 Southbound concert, Municipal Park, noon-11 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 11

Canton Symphony Brass Quintet, 6:30 p.m.; Municipal Park Stage. Instrument building and live animals, 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by Medicine Center Pharmacy, the Canton Symphony, and the Stark County Park District

Wednesday, Aug. 17

Board of Directors meeting, 11:30 a.m., location to be determined

Saturday, Aug. 20

Around the Block concert, 7-9 p.m., Municipal Park Stage.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Board of Directors meeting, 11:30 a.m., location to be determined

Friday, Sept. 23

Monster Movie Short Film Festival, Roxy Theatre, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Oktoberfest and Minerva Monster Day, Municipal Park and Minerva High School, Time TBA

Tickets are for sale at Minerva Dairy, Minerva Area YMCA, Kishman's IGA, Gionino's Pizzeria – Minerva, Consumers National Bank – Minerva Branch, Loudon Motors Ford, Studio C Salon, Natural Approach Farm Store, DanceAbel Ballroom Studio, the Chamber office, and on www.eventbrite.com.

The Chamber's new website is up and running

The Minerva Chamber's new website, www.minervachamber.org, has been launched and enables us to better showcase our members and provide them with more benefits, and to serve the community. In addition to being more attractive and easier to navigate, we now have a full calendar of events that anyone can submit listings for. Chamber members can post job openings via a form on the site, and we also have a page where available commercial rentals and property can be listed.

We are asking that each member take a moment to check his listing in the member directory to be sure all information is accurate, and the business is listed in the most appropriate category or categories. A business can be listed in as many categories as apply. Please contact the Chamber office to make changes to your listing.

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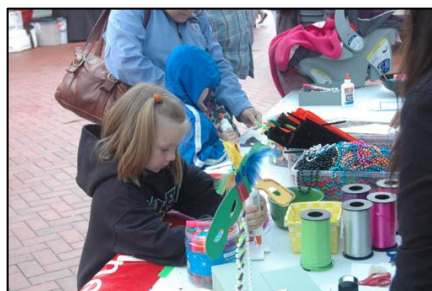
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Vickie Grindstaff
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The Brick Street Art & Jazz Festival



LEFT: Market Street Art Spot resident artist Laura Donnelly throws pots during the festival. ABOVE: The magic of Tim Angeloni delights kids of all ages.



Live at the Roxy

For the first time, we had to utilize our rain contingency plan for the Brick Street Art & Jazz Festival. After the first two ensembles played on the stage, we moved the rest of the bands into the Roxy. Three professional and three high-school bands played on the stage, and the audience members appreciated the warm, dry venue.

In June, the Hall of Fame Chorus returned to the theater, again giving an outstanding and entertaining performance.

Events are currently on hiatus for the summer, but watch for details on the Monster Movie Short Film Festival on Friday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., presented by

Small Town Monsters and kicking off the second Minerva Monster Day.

Also scheduled at the theater are "The Andersonville Trial," Civil War-era drama by the Courthouse Players, on Oct. 22; an alpaca fashion show, sponsored by Natural Approach Farm Store, on Nov. 6; and a performance by magician Tim Angeloni Jan. 21 or 28.

As we add more programming at the theater, we will need volunteers to help present these events. If you are interested in helping to set up for or clean up after events, sell tickets or concessions, usher, or organize events, please contact the Chamber office.

Recent ribbon cuttings



Several Minerva Chamber members have held ribbon cuttings in recent months to celebrate grand openings and new facilities. Clockwise from top left are: The Consumers National Bank board and guests mark the grand opening of the new corporate headquarters and Minerva branch; Coral Abel and Louis Gillombardo of DanceAbel Ballroom Studio with friends and students celebrate the opening of their new studio at 1178 Alliance Rd. NW, Minerva; and Rose and David Conyers officially open Milazzo Italian Restaurant in Minerva.



BELOW: Children make Mardi Gras masks in the art area. RIGHT: Jen and Anthony play blues and jazz in the Roxy Theatre.

