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Saturday, July 18, 2009

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Sunday, July 19, 2009

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# P a c k T h e P a r k

## Staunton Braves vs Waynesboro Generals

Join the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce as we "Pack the Park" on Thursday, June 18, 2009. For complimentary tickets from your Chamber of Commerce see the information below.

WHO: Employees of All Chamber Members and their Families

WHAT: Valley League Baseball

WHEN: Thursday, June 18, 2009  
Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: John Moxie Stadium, Staunton, VA

To order your complimentary tickets call the Chamber Office at 540-324-1133 or email [infoservices@ntelos.net](mailto:infoservices@ntelos.net)

## MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR CORPS



Welcome to **Christian Pechuekonis, Financial Advisor** for **Edward Jones** as he becomes the Chamber's 19th Ambassador! His talent, enthusiasm and penchant for customer service will greatly enhance communication between his mentor group and Chamber activities. The most significant challenge the Ambassador Corps. will face in the upcoming months will be determining the best ways to measure the satisfaction level of our members. While the number of members is important providing great business services is the top priority of the Ambassadors to convey for retention purposes.

Special thanks to Ambassadors Kathy Johnson, **Murder is a Game**, Kathryn McMillan, **Clutter Conversions**, Boyd Tankersley, Roger Goodwin, **Edward Jones**, Alice Heatwole, **Shenandoah Awards, Apparel and Signs** and Board Member Michelle Carter, **Valley Industrial Piping** who recently participated in the **2009 Augusta County 4-H & FFA Market Animal Show**. They enjoyed helping the youths by assisting in the handing out of ribbons for the Lambs, Hogs and Steer Shows.

**Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Championship Golf Tournament**

The Chamber would like to express their sincere thanks to the following businesses who contributed to the success of the annual golf tournament.



- Blue Ridge Beverage Company/Miller/Coors Brewing Company.....Beverage Sponsor**
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**TOURNAMENT WINNER**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Blue Ridge Beverage Company  
Scott Wood, Travis McCauley, Bill Collins, Patrick Taylor**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Country Club of Staunton  
Billy Sowers, Doug Sheets, Steve McDonough, Davis Shell**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - NIBCO  
Mark Frazier, Stuart Dunlap, West Bradley, Jeff Pletcher**

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Country Club of Staunton  
Thursday March 12, 2009

Over 150 Chamber members dined on a wonderful assortment of exotic hors d'oeuvres as they enjoyed their evening networking. General Manager, Greg McGee was very proud of his staff for the hard work they did in planning the event. For more information on Club, Golf and Pool Membership call 540-248-7272 or [gm@countryclubstaunton.com](mailto:gm@countryclubstaunton.com).



South River Restaurant & Wine Shop  
Thursday April 2, 2009

Linda Roland, owner of South River, was the ultimate hostess as she greeted over a 140 Chamber members and their guests at the front door of her restaurant. Everyone enjoyed mingling throughout the restaurant, tasting Linda's gourmet specialties, reviewing her assortment of wines and exchanging business cards. For reservations or purchasing wine call 540-942-5567.



Waynesboro Country Club  
Tuesday April 21, 2009

A record attendance for the year, so far, with 190 Chamber members. Award Winning, Chef Michael Hinrichs demonstrated his own eclectic approach to cuisine by offering signature hord'oeuvres and designer pastas. Entertainment included the much anticipated *Putting Contest!* For more information on Corporate Club Memberships contact Sandy Rowe at 540-943-1131.

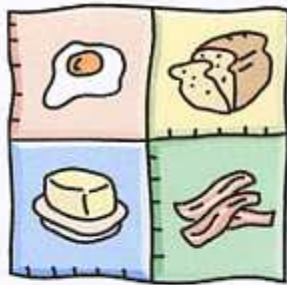


# BUSINESS AT BREAKFAST



Wednesday March 18, 2009

**The News Virginian** was pleased to entertain 40 people that morning as the chamber members rotated through several presentation "stations" positioned throughout the paper. Lee Wolverton, General Manager and Editor spoke on the role of newspapers in preserving democracy. Paul Wash, Circulation Director shared how his team delivers four papers each and every day. Josh Tooley, Production Manager addressed the many logistics involved in printing a daily paper. Advertising Sales Representatives escorted Chamber members to each presentation station and enjoyed good rapport with such a pleasant crowd. For more information on advertising contact Betsy Bolt, Advertising Manager, 540-932-3545 or [bboldt@newsvirginian.com](mailto:bboldt@newsvirginian.com).



Wednesday, April 15, 2009

The April breakfast was held at Riverheads High School. Breakfast was sponsored by **Farm Credit Country Mortgages** in which the FCCLA, FFA, and upcoming Market Animal Show and Sale were highlighted. The FCCLA prepared a wonderful buffet and talked about the activities in which they are involved throughout the year. The FFA chapter provided highlights from their year and had on display several members' animals that were shown and sold at the Market Animal Show May 6 & 7 at the Staunton Union Stockyard. For more information on Farm Credit, contact Ashlie Howell at 800-559-1016.



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