

Wellsville Chamber dinner relocates to high school

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WELLSVILLE — As a result of tickets selling out due to an extended list of interested parties, officials in charge of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce dinner have opted to relocate to accommodate 200 more seats.

Originally scheduled for the Alumni Center, which holds a maximum 200 people, the organizing committee — made up of Chamber President Diana Spencer, Vice-President Jim Saracco, Officer Rev. Bruce Ballantine, Columbiana County Commissioner Penny Traina and Wellsville councilman Randy Allmon — decided to move the dinner to the Wellsville High School gymnasium, which can hold up to 400 people.

“We’ve been so thankful to the community for their overwhelming response to the dinner,” Spencer said. “We couldn’t have done it without the helpers, committee members, CF Bank and the Chamber.”

The dinner will now be a buffet style, catered by Casa De Emanuel, with tickets available via reservation only. Individual tickets remain \$25 a piece, and table reservations are \$200 for a table of eight. Money for tickets will not be accepted at the door, and the reservations must be in by Feb. 8. For tickets, call Spencer at CF Bank at 330-532-1517, Center Pharmacy at 330-532-1555, or Traina at the Commissioner’s office at 330-424-9511.

Roberts Funeral Home and McCarl Construction are additional co-sponsor’s for the event.

The Wellsville junior class will help usher, serve and cleanup for the event, and the East Liverpool Motor Lodge



Buckeye Water District Manager Al DeAngelis (right) was presented with the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month plaque by last month’s recipient, Tammy Rufener-Palma of the Wellsville Dairy Queen. (Photo by Jeremy Lydic)

will lend its eight-foot bar for the event. There will be no alcohol served.

In other Chamber business, the Buckeye Water District was named business of the month, with District Manager Al DeAngelis receiving the plaque from last month’s recipient Tammy Rufener-Palma, of the Wellsville Dairy Queen.

President/CEO Robert Carr of Benefit Management Services of Ohio, Inc., addressed the chamber members during the monthly luncheon about a workmen’s compensation program offered through his firm.

The Ohio Chamber Alliance was started in 1991, said Carr, and networks various employers throughout the area.

Membership does not require dues, and the Alliance offers a free evaluation for the workmen’s comp program.

“All it takes from your chamber of commerce is an endorsement,” Carr said. “The ultimate goal of the Alliance is to ensure our members receive the best product with the best price and the best service.”

In other Chamber business, new businesses welcomed into the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce include: Birch Realty, the Wellsville Local School District, Randy Allman and Casa De Emanuel.

The Mayor Seat was also approved, granting the mayor of Wellsville, whomever it may be, a seat on the Chamber Board, but without voting rights.