



Monday Minute News and information to start your week Week beginning March 30, 2015

Thank you to all who attended our 28th Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday. We had a good turnout, a great meal catered by Chamber member Red's Smokin' Choo Choo & More of Pittsfield, and excellent wine from another Chamber member- Hopewell Winery. Special thanks to board member David Fuhler who served as emcee for the evening.

During the meeting portion of the event, four new members were elected to the Chamber Board of Directors: Coy Bainter from First National Bank of Barry, Jennifer Niebur from Niebur Funeral Homes, Diane Vose from John Wood Community College and Jeremy Wombles from Hopewell Winery. We welcome them and thank them for agreeing to serve!

The highlight of the evening was the awards ceremony. Each year the Chamber presents the Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. In addition, the fifth annual Community Betterment Award was presented. The winners were selected from nominations made by chamber members and the community at large. Details and photos can be found on the Chamber's website at the link below.

We are proud to say that volunteerism is alive and well in Pike County. So much so that we have two winners of our 2014 Volunteers of the Year: **Dr. Stephen Liesen** and **Heather Hayden**.

Our 2014 Business of the Year award was presented to **Farmers State Bank** and the 2014 Community Betterment went to the **Pittsfield Lions Club**.

This year we presented the Fickle Goddess of Fortune to **Free Press Coffee** on the south side of the Square in Pittsfield. How does a town the size of Pittsfield get a "big-city" coffee shop? Hard work, vision, and a visitation from the Fickle Goddess of Fortune!

Congratulations to all of our winners!

http://www.pikeil.org/chamber/chamber_awards_annual_meeting.php#.VRjhe_nF-So

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