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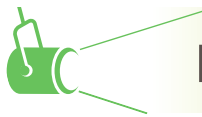
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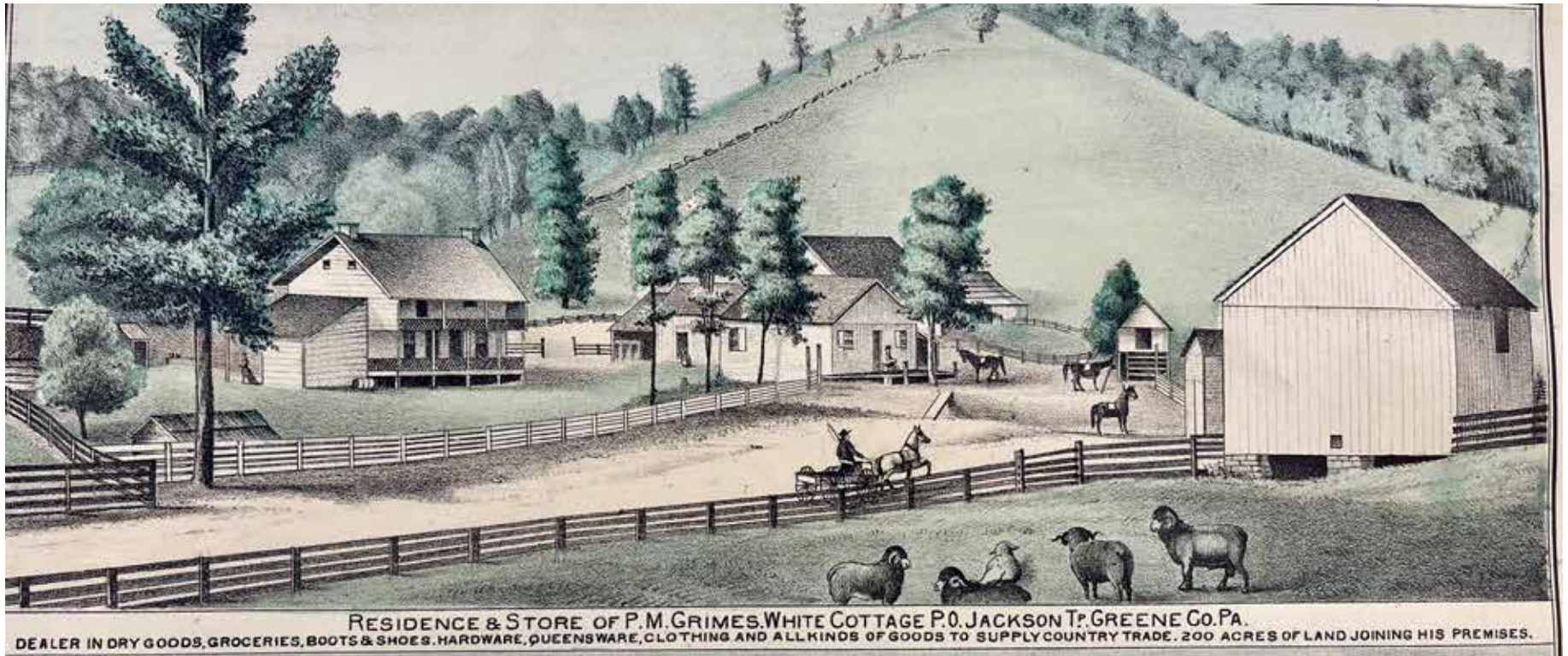
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The stretch of State Rt. 18 aka Golden Oaks Road between Grimes Hill and Nettle Hill rides the Warrior Trail. This 5000-year-old trade route of America's first people runs from Greensboro on the Monongahela River to the Ohio River and then on to the flint ridges of Ohio. When European settlers followed rivers and creeks into the Western Frontier in the mid-1770s, they crisscrossed this old path as they settled the land.

When Waynesburg became the county seat in 1796, its eastern portion had farms and villages busy doing business getting goods and services to and from the rest of post-Colonial America by way of the Monongahela River.

It would take another generation to push into the hilly reaches to the Ellicott Line, where Greene County meets the West Virginia panhandle and establish villages like White Cottage, Nettle Hill, New Freeport and Garrison. For the farmers who shopped the villages that grew around crossroads, it was a long wagon ride to Waynesburg. Their connection to the world was the muddy path that would become a state road in another century when it was finally paved from Rogersville to White Cottage in 1932.

When it comes to keeping track of those generations, it's hard to beat retired County Judge Terry Grimes.

"See that stone over there—the one with the two flags? That's George Graham." I was standing outside with Terry after Sunday services at Valley Chapel, looking across Route 18 at the little cemetery where great-great grandfather Peter Martin Grimes and many of his descendants are buried. Family lore has it that the Grahams had such a heavy Scottish brogue that it wasn't more than a generation until some sons had whittled their surname down to Grimes on their paperwork.

George Graham (1730-1840) was a private in Captain Shaver's Company, New Jersey Regiment during the Revolutionary War. It would be land grants instead of paychecks that

brought veterans westward and another few hundred years for George Graham to find his long lost family, genealogically speaking. Long interred in Waynesburg's first cemetery near Fort Jackson on Liberty Avenue, George seems to have been left behind when the land was reclaimed for a housing development in the 1970s. The graves that were found were removed to Greene Mount Cemetery and given a monument with their names listed. Terry's genealogical sleuthing, which is recorded in Greene Connections for all to share, found no mention of George on that marker so in 1982 he ordered a stone in his memory and placed it here.

Like their forefather, the Grahams and the Grimes would push westward looking for land. When Peter Martin Grimes (1823-1896) bought the property at the foot of the hill that winds up to the Warrior Trail in 1850, the log cabin that would be known as White Cottage was already there. Present owners Ken and Carol Peters, who settled here from Michigan in 2012, found it listed as a residence in the 1790 census while doing a title search of their land.

The massive logs have been wonderfully preserved because the exterior was covered by white clapboard when Peter Grimes lived here and managed a post office and store in the front yard. Board and batten was added sometime in the 1980s when owner Dan White turned the old cabin into a hunting lodge and

left the logs exposed under the front porch to be admired. White also dismantled one of the original barns to build a kitchen addition where Carol now cooks and bakes using an Amish wood-burning stove.

Ken showed me where the store once stood by the road. All that remain are some hefty hand cut foundation stones lining the edge of the front yard.

The beautifully colored sketch from the Caldwell Atlas of 1876 shows White Cottage in all its glory as a place to live and do business. The caption notes that P M Grimes was a dealer in "dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware,



Carol Peters points out the logs of the cabin built in the late 1700s that became known as White Cottage.



queensware and all kinds of goods to supply country trade.”

He was also the postmaster and an elected Justice of the Peace with a keen eye for an overloaded wagon. Stories are told that he kept a gate across the road and teamsters who wished to climb Grime’s hill had to be carrying a load that their teams could safely manage. The options were to split the load and take it up in two hauls or unhitch and pay to have Grimes oxen do the walking.

From the top of Grimes Hill it’s a few country miles to the “Village of Nettle Hill” road sign. What remains of the village is a scattering of houses and the surprisingly narrow edge of the road where Lemmons then Phillips general store once stood. Here’s where neighbors found everything from dry goods, wagon parts and livestock feed to penny candy and later, gasoline. This is where the Warrior Trail hangs a right and follows Aleppo Road to Centennial Church on its way to the Ohio River.

G.M. Grimes would live to see his son Abraham Lincoln Grimes be a conductor on the Waynesburg and Washington Railroad. But he would miss the coming century when vehicles did the heavy hauling and gas pumps were added to roadside businesses, including Rainbow Heights, the dance hall eatery at Nettle Hill.

The one surviving photograph of Rainbow Heights shows the transition times when horses and automobiles shared the road. No one remembers who owned the building, but Terry Grimes knows that at some point in the 1930s his mother Faye Stockdale’s parents operated the store and restaurant on the first floor and there was a dance hall on the second. “Grandpa Stockdale had a square dance band and my mother played the piano. She said she chorded along. Sometimes they had guest musicians and people came to dance.”

Terry Grimes remembers the glow in the sky when Rainbow Heights burned to the ground sometime in the 1950s but 98-year-old Jess Rinehart of Waynesburg remembers being inside when he was a kid. “The dance hall had a stage for the band and local people used to play there. Geho had a barbershop downstairs in the basement.”

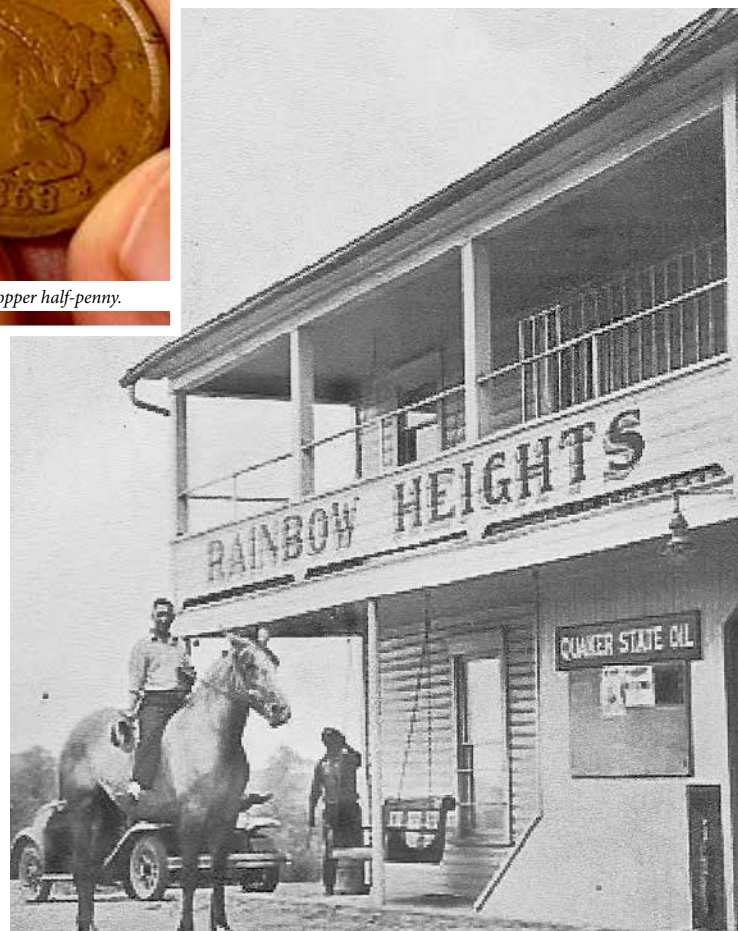
I drove to the site where Rainbow Heights once stood, just to get my bearings and pulled over where the PennDOT tower fills the sky across the road. The view here is spectacular and the drop off from this high ridge seems to go straight down into the watershed that runs its headwaters into Dunkard and Fish creeks then into the Monongahela River, then north to Pittsburgh. Go on Aleppo Road for a few hundred yards and the watershed switches direction and the headwaters of every stream coming off those ridges flow to the Ohio River. I can just imagine the rainbows this confluence of hills must have witnessed from this grand view and grin. I love this place when it makes me think this way.



Ken Peters stands beside the foundation stones of the store at White Cottage, as seen on the 1876 Caldwell Atlas print.



An 1853 copper half-penny.



Retired judge Terry Grimes with grandson Joel, age 11, at the marker of ancestor George Graham at Valley Chapel Cemetery.



# GreeneScene of the Past By Colleen Nelson

The house that sits at the top of Grimes Hill gives little indication it was once one of the many small mom and pop service stations that studded State Route 18 from East View to Garrison. But thanks to this aerial photograph that Charles Thomas had taken when he and his family owned and operated the store, we have a birds eye view of what it looked like in the 1970s. The EXXON sign and narrow standing pumps are a time stamp, as is the truck. The building sits at the fork where Toms Run and Triumph meet the highway. Turn left on Rt. 18 and it's 13 miles to Hundred. Turn right and it's 14 miles to Waynesburg. In the 1970s you could pull in, get gas your gas pumped and maybe buy an RC Cola and grab a loaf of bread if you didn't feel like driving to town. The store would open when Charles Thomas got out of bed. And like Walmart, it was even open on Christmas.

"Dad said we had to be open because there were people who would forget to buy batteries for their toys! Or they forgot milk." Eileen Thomas Jones laughed at the thought of predating Walmart. "We lived in our store. It was our life. We opened when Dad got up and closed when we went to bed."

When Charles and Rhoda Thomas bought the business from George and Pearl Bissett in 1948, it already had gas pumps, along with a store that sold all the little things passersby might want to grab on their way home or on the way to work. Two years later only child Eileen was born and the family franchise was off and running.

The store was "an open design with the living room beside it. You could stand by the pop cooler, look through the doorway and see what we were watching on TV?"

Eileen remembers shoppers lingering for a football game or mid afternoon soap opera. She remembers the layout of the store, from the attic that got finished and turned into her bedroom to the supplies that were kept in the basement that she had to fetch upstairs every evening to restock the shelves.

"I learned how to pump gas but I never learned how to add oil. I'm surprised Dad never taught me. When Dad went to work, Mom ran the store and I helped. Mom would start supper and then someone would come and she'd open the store. Supper was usually late or warmed up. It was hard to tell when Dad would get home—he worked for Penn DOT and the game commission."

What happened during hunting season when business was bustling and bragging rights were taking shape are memories that still bring a chuckle. "There were many a coon treed and deer shot around the big circulating heater. The air was a



blue haze of cigar, cigarette and pipe smoke."

What passed for a deli was the stuff of country cuisine. "We packaged our own hot dogs in one pound bags and got cheese in blocks that had to be cut. Some wanted slices, some wanted pieces." One regular would stop by for one slice of cheese, which he sandwiched between the layers of a chocolate whoopee pie and called it lunch. Another would buy an "RC Cola and a bag of Planters Peanuts and he'd open the bag and pour the peanuts into the pop and drink it. I'll never forget that!"

Music from the 1960s came in on radio signals that were loud and clear on the ridge roads of the Warrior Trail. "Pat Glover and I spent a lot of time back then walking on the roads with our radios listening to music – country, rhythm and blues Gary Pucket and the Union Gap...It's hard to imagine kids doing that now."

By the time the 1970s rolled around Eileen was off to college, then home to teach at the newly constructed Graysville Elementary School in Richhill Township.

She knows this photograph was taken after 1972 because that's when the store got new siding. The store would stay open until October 1979, a month before Charles Thomas died.

When Eileen Thomas married Bill Jones, the couple bought the farm just around the bend from Terry and Carlyn Grimes on Rt. 18. The Steeler Country logo on their barn is something of a landmark. "I didn't go far. I'm a West Greene girl. We're blessed to have good neighbors and we love living here."

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## SHINING THE LIGHT

By Colleen Nelson

When Methodism came to the valley below Grimes Hill in 1852, its first parishioners met at Johnson's Schoolhouse for Sabbath School scheduled to "commence at 9 o'clock on Sunday and continue for one hour."

It's easy to forget that bible study back then was the bedrock of all schooling, from learning to read and spell to learning to engage the intellect as adults. And these farmers and their families were lifetime learners.

Sabbath School provided a librarian and eleven teachers to educate members. Old church records kept an exact tally of what such services cost before the Civil War. Those who subscribed to the 74-volume library paid between a quarter, 37 and a half cents and a dollar to use it, along with access to Testaments, hymn books, spelling books and an infant library - which cost 18 and a half cents.

Sabbath School was led by a variety of pastors, but it would not be until 1863 that it would organize as a church and parishioners would build Johnson's Meeting House on land donated by Jacob Weaver, three quarters of a mile north of Johnson's School. It would be another eight years before the church changed its name to Pleasant Valley Chapel, then shortened it the next year to Valley Chapel. A revival brought in new members and as the congregation outgrew the log cabin, parishioners dismantled it to the floor and built a modest frame church in 1881. The building committee kept careful note of the funds donated by 59 members that ranged from a dollar to fifty dollars, along with a pump for "1/3 the price" tithed by S.B. Eagon and sons.

Valley Chapel would remain a quaint country church, with two front doors leading to its 19th century sanctuary for the next 80 some years.

Sitting at the edge of Valley Chapel Road and hemmed in by neighbors, there was no room for major improvements. Gas heaters were replaced with a furnace and a poured concrete front porch was added in the 1960s. During the 1980s a rear addition was built for two Sunday School classrooms, along with indoor plumbing siding and a new roof and front porch. In 1987 Valley Chapel got its elbowroom when the Boswell house next door was bought and replaced with a pavilion for picnics and plenty of room for Vacation Bible School fun. By 2010 everything was renovated, replaced, repainted air conditioned, added on to and brought up to code with an access ramp.

These tidbits of history gathered for Valley Chapel's 150th anniversary celebration in 2013 tell the

story—in hard earned dollars and cents—of the farm families who rolled up their sleeves and built this place and whose descendants still delight in keeping it "a place where the work of God is preached, the Power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the Love of God is revealed and the Unity of God is perceived."

When I arrived on a snowy Sunday morning the paved parking lot was full. The furnace had malfunctioned the Sunday before and services were canceled but this morning the rooms were toasty, and the pews were full of neighbors glad to be together again. Members gathered in the foyer, a spacious place to hang coats and schmooze as Sunday School finished up before the 11 a.m. service.

Some unexpected news—Sunday School teacher Carlyn Grimes would fill in today for Pastor Gale Cobb—a family member had tested positive for Covid and he was in quarantine along with all the cupcakes he would have brought to church for Valentines Day.

Our expected laughter let us know that we've all gotten better at living with the unexpected. "I'm not a preacher, I'm a teacher," Carlyn reminded us with a smile, then proceeded to engage the congregation in the Sunday School lesson that had been sidetracked by last week's broken furnace. Valley Chapel has no piano player at the moment and Rev. Cobb usually brings the music so we sang unaccompanied, then found verses in John, Mathew and Luke that repeat the Testament of Jesus being taken before Pilot and the words they exchanged. It was the courtroom drama for the ages and we were both spectators and participants, caught up in a moment both holy and profane.

What is Truth and how do we know it? In Sunday School fashion, there was time for discussion between verses, time to consider what our own reactions might have been, time to compare these verses to the time we're living in now. Who among us could have responded as Jesus did if it had been us in that courtroom?

Stop by any Sunday if you want to spend a good time with these neighbors. Extra points if you play the piano.



The congregation at Valley Chapel.



# Public Service Profile

By Colleen Nelson

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Are you an older adult, just home from the hospital or rehab center and can't yet navigate the kitchen? Are you still living independently and notice that making a meal from scratch is getting harder to do? Well, don't wait! Call Blueprints and ask for Meals on Wheels.

"We deliver so much more than a meal!" Blueprints Director Stacy Stroman is happy to tell you. "Our nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks enable older residents to extend their independence and health as they age." Last year volunteer drivers delivered more than 58,000 meals throughout the county. Routes were also extended to bring lunch and a cheery hello to 42 new customers. Grab and go meals offered curb side pickup for those able to drive to the centers and is still an option for those not ready to leave the safety of their homes to do lunch with their senior center friends.

"Home meal deliveries are crucial to the well-being of older adults in Greene County because many are isolated and lack transportation," Stroman notes. For new referrals, trained staff members make an initial home visit for a risk assessment and periodically drop by for an update. Combined with the daily visits of the volunteers who deliver the meals and do safety checks, "we are able to identify risks before they become problems and address concerns before they become health issues, which can quickly become tragic and costly," Stroman says.

So how do all these meals get out into the community? Last year volunteer drivers logged more than 12,000 hours doing door dash deliveries, delivering meals prepared fresh each morning from the Carmichaels Community Center. Staff arrive before 6 a.m. to create tasty lunches that are then vacuum-sealed in disposable trays and kept lunch ready in insulated bags. Meals include a carton of milk, condiments and dessert.

Each month the meal delivery adds Center Connections, a newsletter that includes the menu for the upcoming month along with helpful hints and updates. The monthly Senior Times magazine is also delivered, hot off the press, along with seasonal greetings when school kids, University students and church groups decide

to make Valentines and Christmas cards as a community service project.

Meals on Wheels depends on its fleet of volunteer drivers, from churches and the community at large, including Waynesburg University.

New drivers are mentored until they get the hang of the eight routes that deliver across the county. Meals are distributed from both the Waynesburg and Carmichaels centers and drivers can choose a time that fits their schedule. Becoming a backup driver for any of the routes is a good way to break into the routine.

Waynesburg volunteers arrive before 10 a.m. and load the insulated bags that are delivered by van from Carmichaels. Then it's off on one of three routes that weave through the streets of Waynesburg then out into every direction depending on the route, from East View to Route 19, Garards Fort and Sugar Run Road and Route 188.

Those who deliver from the Carmichaels Center fan out across Jefferson, Carmichaels and the Mapletown area. Driving time varies but average 90 minutes and a stipend is available for mileage.

"Right now we need drivers for Friday on Route One," Waynesburg Center supervisor Tina Raber said. "We need backup drivers for all Greene County routes so if you are interested and available for a certain day, please give us a call."

Meals on Wheels is funded in part through Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging, Greene County United Way and Community Foundation of Greene County.

For more information about signing up for home delivered meals, or to volunteer as a driver, call Blueprints - 724-852- 2893 ex 543.



Each morning, the crew prepares the Meals on Wheels meals at the Carmichaels Senior Center.



"Subaru donates \$250 from every vehicle sold during the month of December and shares it between every Senior Center in America that applies for the grant."

Longtime Meals on Wheels driver Joe Cook of Waynesburg says, "Thanks, Subaru!"

## County Conversations

### DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK PROGRAM

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) department pursues grant funding for community development needs, especially housing and infrastructure. The department commonly assists with water and sewage projects but has worked on other projects such as demolishing buildings. Recently CARES Act funds were allocated to the CDBG program to assist businesses that were affected by COVID-19.

Many of the grants provided by the program deliver 100% grant funds. This allows projects to be completed with no additional costs passing through the customers of a water or sewage authority. Even with water lines extensions, it helps ease the cost of connection for low-to-moderate income persons. The business grants recently administered have served approximately 30 small businesses. The grants have also helped businesses either keep or create jobs.

Crystal Simmons, CDBG/Home Director for the Greene County Planning and Community Development department, works tirelessly to continue Greene County's development. She has worked with the County for eight years, and during that time was instrumental in the program's development. "I am very excited to share a newly development leveraging program," Crystal says. "This is the first program I have started from the ground up and am quite pleased with the guidelines." The program provides grant funds for infrastructure projects.

Crystal is passionate about seeing Greene County grow. "I spend any spare time developing initiatives and priorities related to the development of Greene," she says. "I even provide consulting services privately that would assist local nonprofits or for profits either expand or take on projects that would benefit Greene County."

The biggest challenge is that the need is more than the funds available. The department is always pursuing additional grants. With the effect of COVID-19 on businesses and adding the HOME Rehabilitation program applications, the department is becoming increasingly busy. Although, there are two employees that work directly with the programs and two administrative staff persons, management capacity is still a concern. Thankfully, a new position opened for a third person to work directly with the programs. They will review the applicants to find someone passionate about Greene County and its development.

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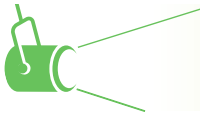


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## Cornerstone Care

### Cornerstone Care Expands Into Eye Care

Cornerstone Care is a non-profit network of Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHC) and practices serving communities throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania, and Northern West Virginia, their website says.

Cornerstone Care Community Health Centers has recently expanded their service focus to accessible eye care, according to Dr. Weaver, Optometry Director at Cornerstone Eyecare, who has been working for the organization since July of 2021.

Cornerstone Care aims to make all aspects of eye and vision health accessible to patients of all ages and won't turn someone down due to their inability to pay.

Cornerstone Care has vision centers located in Waynesburg, Connellsville, and Hopwood Pennsylvania providing comprehensive eye and vision exams, glasses, contact lenses and ocular disease management (at the Waynesburg location).

Dr. Weaver brings an extensive background into his position having received his degree for optometry school at the Pennsylv-

ania School of Optometry, serving in the military for 30 years, seeing patients in the Veterans Administration, as well as years of private practice including consultation with government agencies looking for his assistance with hiring decisions.

He has also recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, the largest optometry organization in humanitarian missions, as well as to the Prehealth committee at Washington and Jefferson College.

"[Coming back to Waynesburg] is an opportunity to give back to my community and take care of my people," Dr. Weaver said. "There really is a need here. There is very limited eye care available."

Dr. Weaver has short-term goals to expand services to be able to care for more individuals with long-term chronic eye conditions by finding a new location able to fit the amount of equipment necessary. For the long-term- he aims to impact people in profound ways.

Growing up in Waynesburg, Dr. Weaver

did not feel underserved or even a part of Appalachia, however through his time away he has noticed the economic depression in the area and is seeking ways to ensure there is a continual upward trajectory.

"People here aren't oppressed but everyone deserves quality care and I'm here hopefully able to provide that for years to come," he said.

He hopes to achieve this through education.

"Education is an important part of what I've done throughout my career so we hope to have optometry students and perhaps an optometry resident when we get to that point of expansion," he explained.

Most importantly, he hopes that parents will give children their best chance at success by caring for their visual health early on, and that his care can prevent further issues.

"A patient will say their child is not doing too well in school and I see that he/she



Dr. Weaver, Cornerstone Care's optometry director.

should have had glasses a while ago and maybe since day one of school," he explained. "If you can't see well, it's hard to learn and if you can't learn, you're not going to be able to perhaps change the trajectory of your life and the way you are family has been for generations. As long as I can continue to make an impact I have no interest in slowing down."

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# Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## CARING FOR OUR AGED WOOD

Taking care of a museum can be an endless cycle of maintenance, especially when many of the artifacts and a great deal of the components of our building itself are made from various types of wood. Wood, when cared for properly, can last for generations, even centuries, but it is critical that it be cared for well.

One of the most frequent questions we get from visitors who come to our historic site, is what we do to keep our antique wooden furniture and flooring looking good. For furniture, it's simple. Generally, we treat it monthly with Milsek Orange Oil. This is an excellent preservative for wood and does not leave an oily residue. It brings color back to the wood, and "feeds" it, and prevents it from drying out.

Floors on the other hand are a different story. Nearly all the hardwood floors in our building are unfinished, and do not have a varnish or polyurethane finish on them. Most older floors wouldn't have had any such treatment, and in many older buildings they still do not. It's important to keep these types of floors protected and it can be done easily. Floors that are unfinished, especially in areas that are exposed to a lot of natural light, tend to dry out and that can cause splinters, cracks, and a whole litany of problems.

Many of our floors had been covered with large area rugs for countless years and had dried out and were looking very worn and, well, used. The first step we took was to clean the floors very thoroughly. Vacuuming all the dust and dirt came first, and it's important to make sure everything is clear from the joints between boards.

After all the loose debris had been cleaned up, the floors were scrubbed with a vinegar and water mixture to get rid of any mildew that may have been growing on the surface. The last step is to apply an oil coating, or in the case of our very dry floors, several oil coatings.

To initially prep the floors after they were thoroughly cleaned, we applied several coats of Milsek Oil, allowed it to soak into the wood and dry thoroughly. Afterwards, a heavy

coat of Danish Oil was applied and allowed to dry thoroughly. Both the Danish Oil and Milsek Oil were applied with a dustmop, with oil poured onto the pad.

Now, with a good base layer of oil applied, and allowed to dry (generally 24 hours between applications) it's time for the final finish. Tung oil is an excellent choice. It leaves a somewhat glossy finish and protects the wood well from damage, water and general wear and tear. Anywhere between two and six coats could be necessary, depending on how dry the flooring is. For the most part our floors required four coats of tung oil. The tung oil was applied in the same fashion, with a dust mop, making sure to apply it by hand with a rag around the perimeter of the room. The oil needs to be dry to the touch before further coats can be applied. Depending on temperature and humidity, this can take anywhere from a few hours to overnight. Once the final coat of oil is applied you should wait 24 hours before moving furniture back in the room and walking over the surface of the floor.

Once this treatment has been completed, maintenance is very easy, as needed, just mop on another coat of oil and let it dry; you should only have to do this once a year or once every couple years.



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Lottery Tickets: Jacob Courtwright, A.J. Shandor, Deborah Basinger, Sharon Shimek, Chrysan Smith, Richard Zatlakoviz.

Defense in Depth Basket: Joann Matyus  
(answer: 6)

I Love This Place Trash Can: Amy Young  
(answer: Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bee's)



## LITTLE DRIBBLERS

On Saturdays in January and February from 9-10 AM, some of Waynesburg Central's top high school basketball players take the court. You won't find this game on the schedule and the home court will be dark, but fans will be packing into Waynesburg Central Elementary School.

These athletes are participating in the Little Dribblers program, aimed at teaching basketball to kids. For eight weeks, the kids will be taught the fundamental skills of the game with the help of Mike Juliano, coaches, and Raiders' players.

"It is a very relaxed and laid-back atmosphere," said Natalie Blair, Waynesburg Central's assistant varsity women's basketball coach. "We coordinate every year for eight weeks and invite kindergarten and first graders to participate in the program. We just want to introduce the kids to what the game of basketball is while they have a good time."

A registration form is sent home from school in November through the Central Greene School District. Then, they hold a registration sign-up at the school, and it is also posted on the 123 Good News site a month before the camp is scheduled to begin. The cost to register is \$40 per student and it

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gives them all eight weeks of the camp working with players and coaches plus a t-shirt.

Blair praised the parents for their commitment to bringing their kids to the program, and the school district for allowing them to hold the event. "I really appreciate the parents that take the time to get their kids to Little Dribblers, and value starting them at a young age," said Blair. "We also would like to thank the school district for allowing us to hold these programs. They have been very supportive of our efforts."

Aside from learning the fundamentals of the game, one of the most important aspects of Little Dribblers is the relationship developed between the participants and the high school players. Many of the players on Waynesburg Central's boys and girls basketball teams have also gone through the Little Dribblers program as kids, and now they are able to give back to a program that has given them so much.

"I honestly think that (Little Dribblers) builds a relationship between the high school students and participants," said Blair. "But the relationship goes both ways. I think it is

important for the high school students to see that you have all these kids looking up to you. It reminds them to make sure that they are doing what they need to do both on and off the court to be good role models for the future generations."

One of the graduates of the Little Dribblers program is Waynesburg Central girls basketball senior shooting guard Nina Sarra. Sarra participated in the program back in 2010 and is now one of the Raiders' top three-point shooters. "When we went there, we just went through some basic fundamental drills and played a lot of fun games and that always made me want to go back," said Sarra. "I still really enjoy going there on Saturdays, and it's fun to see them develop every week. They start out with just basic skills and to see them grow is amazing."

Boys basketball center Jacob Mason was not a graduate of the program but loves the chance to work with the young kids. He has always loved the game of basket-

By Zack Zeigler

ball and is excited that the younger generation is just as excited as he was.

"It's nice seeing how many kids already love the game of basketball and it's a good feeling to help them learn the fundamental skills," said Mason. "It means a lot to me and it's great working with them and then seeing them at out home games through out the year."

If you have any questions about the Little Dribblers program, feel free to email Natalie Blair (natalieblair@cgsd.org) or boys basketball coach Steve McIntire (steven.mcintire@cgsd.org).





## A STORY FROM THE SETTLEMENT



*An example of a common cabin that would have existed in the 1830s.*



*The West Virginia Fork of Dunkard Creek.*

In the early 1830s the bottoms along Dunkard Creek were a remarkably different place than they are today. Long fields stretched along the banks, and all land suitable for farming was cleared. Wooded hollows flowed up the steep valleys of the side streams that fed the waters of Dunkard and a few scattered settlements with small cabins and the occasional homestead could be found in some locations.

Such a small settlement existed in western Wayne Township, where the Pennsylvania and West Virginia forks of Dunkard meet. In the 1770s and 1780s several families set up their roots there, mostly folks that had moved west from the Monongahela River, people who originally came from places in eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. This small settlement for most of its early life never really had a name, though it would eventually be known as Dent and, later, Brave.

The Shanes and the Lantz families were probably the first families to settle nearby, The Cumberledge and Dye families settled around the same time, and in the years that followed, the Cox, Stiles, Wiley, and Anderson families would call this place home as well.

James Dye had built a large mill on the Pennsylvania fork of Dunkard just about a mile above the settlement. He was a well-known justice of the peace who married most of the folks in the area and took care of any minor legal disputes. George Shanes and John Lantz had very large, profitable farms, and a good deal of the people living in the “neighborhood” lived on their land as tenant farmers helping to bring in their crops and manage livestock.

The idea of community in this time wasn’t just a happy ideal, it was a form of survival. Everyone brought something to the table and working together kept things going. In times of trouble a neighbor was always there to help, and when it was time to build a barn or till a field everyone took part. Political affiliation or petty differences didn’t matter. People got along as best they could, that’s the way it must be when agriculture is the primary industry.

Even as late as the 1830s most everyone was still living in a simple cabin of hand-hewn logs; the bigger brick and frame farmhouses didn’t really start showing up until the 1840s and 50s. A common cabin of the day would have consisted of a

structure about 15 by 20 feet, with a door on the front and back, and maybe a window or two. A large fireplace would have dominated one of the end walls with either a small winding stair or a ladder reaching up to a second floor that was typically a few logs high and nestled in under the roof rafters.

Furnishings would have been sparse. The first floor would have held a bedstead, a simple table with a few stools and some shelves fixed into the log walls to hold wood or pottery dishware, or for the well-to-do, maybe a few pewter vessels. Clothing would have hung from pegs on the wall, and children would have slept in the loft upstairs. In the coldest weather, it’s likely the whole family would have slept in the main room nearest the warmth of the fire.

Wealthier families may have had a second cabin that served as a kitchen. Kitchens would often be housed in separate buildings to mitigate damage in the event of a fire. The property may have had a barn or a few other outbuildings. Most fencing used for livestock would have been made of logs stacked in a crisscross pattern, and some were importing multifloral rose to grow around fields to use as a living fence.

In the wintertime, specifically in February and March, it was time to make maple syrup. To make syrup, you collect sap from a maple tree, and the best time being when there are freeze/thaw cycles over the course of a single day. The cycles get the sap moving in the tree and makes it easier to collect. After collecting the sap, you would then reduce it into syrup over a fire.

On March 22, 1834 that’s exactly what the folks of the settlement at the forks of Dunkard were doing, as many would recall years later.

Daniel Cumberledge a young man of 20 had been courting a Miss Sarah Wiley, daughter of John Wiley, the owner of a neighboring farm. They had grown up together and had spent quite a lot of their youth helping with the other young people in the settlement bringing in crops and doing a lot of work on their own farms and for their neighbors.



*Priscilla Dye Meighen*

John Cox, a childhood friend of both Dan and Sarah would reminisce in his later years that it was sometime in March that Daniel and Sarah got married, because everyone in the settlement had been out making maple syrup and stopped for the day to go to James Dye’s place to watch Daniel and Sarah get married. Priscilla Dye, another childhood friend, and daughter of James Dye would have similar memories that she would write down years later. Priscilla was an official witness to the wedding and was the first to give her congratulations to the married couple. After the wedding, everyone, including Daniel and Sarah, would return to their work of making syrup.

Daniel and Sarah would remain married until Daniel died in 1896, and Sarah would follow him a few years later in 1900, but it was after Daniel died that all these stories and remembrances of their wedding were recorded. Daniel had fought in the Civil War, and after he passed Sarah filed for a widow’s pension, and there was a great deal of firsthand testimony in the pension file that talked about they day they got married. Priscilla Dye, later married to Peter Meighen, gave a very lengthy account, as did John Cox. The terms “settlement” and “neighborhood” were commonly used by many people to describe the area in which they grew up in the testimony in Sarah’s application for a widow’s pension.

Life is so rushed today, and with all our digital devices and constant connectivity, I think we all sometimes yearn for these simpler times. Sure, life involved a lot more hard work back then, but working together like they did in these small farming communities brought everyone together, and community mattered. Thankfully, Greene County today still enjoys some of that old fashioned community spirit, but just think how much better it could be if we would get off our phones and tablets and get out and help our neighbors and become and even stronger community, helping, making a difference, and just getting along as best we can.



# St. Patrick's TEA

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 Coconut cake w/ Lemon filling • Easter shaped Sugar Cookies

**Teas : Darjeeling & Chamomile Lemon**

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## Kathryn's Victorian Venue

Special occasions are meant to be memorable snapshots in life; they are moments to pause and appreciate everything around you. They provide the pictures and videos you will look back on years down the road. With such significant events, it is important to find a venue that is just as memorable and perfect.

Kathryn's Victorian Venue is a snapshot in time in itself. It holds the timeless beauty of a century's worth of history and charm. Sitting in the back of The Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bee's, the house was originally built in the 1920s, but has been completely renovated without losing the classic look.

Perfect for basically any small event, Kathryn's can host up to thirty guests. Past the hardwood-floor entrance, there are two dining rooms for guests to choose from. They each have a unique charm about them, but are equally as lovely in the details. The rooms now display stained glass windows, antique wall scones, freshly painted walls, and a captivating refurbished antique chandelier hanging in the main foyer.

The most popular and special room in the venue has to be the tea party room. With walls lined with authentic, decorated cups, it is the perfect space for special teas or parties. A selection of lavish hats also can be worn while dining. It is truly adorable in its decor and will bring a smile to your face as soon as you walk through the door.

Owner Pam Marisa opened the venue in May of 2021 and has brought the place to life with her team of designers. Marisa is dedicated to making sure every guest's experience at Kathryn's is special.

"Anything you can imagine, we can create in this space," said Marisa proudly.

The extensive team behind the scenes of Kathryn's

works hard to bring even the most extravagant wishes to life. Their pastry chef previously worked for Seven Springs and has been praised for her desserts, salads, soups, and sandwiches. Her dessert menu in itself is almost endless as you can choose from chocolate covered strawberries, scones, truffles, sugar cookies, cupcakes, lemon lava cakes, and more. All these sweets can be enjoyed in the tea rooms over a brunch with friends or at one of the new monthly scheduled tea parties.

Upcoming teas are a St. Patrick's Day Tea on March 18 and 19, Easter Tea on April 15 and 16, Mother's Day Tea on May 6 and 7. You can always book a tea anytime for two or more people.

There is even more coming to Kathryn's in the near future. In April, there will be a gourmet room added to the venue that will include a candy store with fresh chocolates, homemade truffles, chocolate covered strawberries, cookies and more.

For more information, check out Kathryn's Victorian Venue on Facebook and Instagram or visit [kathrynsvenue.com](http://kathrynsvenue.com). To book a reservation, call 724-557-1159.





## WG Lions Club Honors Students

The West Greene Lions Club has honored local students Joey Davis, Hunter Hamilton, Josiah Tagaro, and Corey Wise.

Joey Davis is the son of Ron and Becky Davis of Graysville. He has received the Presidential Academic Award and volunteers at the Graysville Fire Company. He has also volunteered at Harvey's Grange delivering food during the pandemic. Joey is planning on attending Edinboro University to major in business.

Hunter Hamilton is the son of Jeff and Rhonda Hamilton of Holbrook. He is active in sports, playing football, baseball, and wrestling. He is a four-year letterman in football and has received the West Greene Practice Player of the Year award, Tri-County South All-Star (offense and defense), Tri-County Academic All-Star,

Mr. Pioneer Football award, Defensive Back of the Year, National Burlsworth Character and Sportsmanship award, All Greene County Team Football, and was a Hometown Heritage Athlete of the Month. Hunter received academic excellence and student athlete awards, is involved in peer mentoring, and is in the top ten of his class. He plans to attend a four year college and major in business.

Josiah Tagaro is the son of Merlyn Sondericker of Rogersville. He serves as National Honor Society president, is in the science and calculus clubs, and played varsity football for four years. Josiah received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence and was selected to the All-County and All-Conference teams in football. He volunteers at Eva K.



Hunter Hamilton



Josiah Tagaro



Corey Wise



Joey Davis

Bowlby Public Library, Father & Son Camp east, Pathways, and 2ndSam9. He plans to attend college and major in business marketing.

Corey Wise is the son of Lynn and Ginger Wise of New Freeport. He plays football, basketball, and baseball and participates in peer mentoring, aquaponics, and youth & Traffic Council. Corey was a Hometown Heritage Athlete of the Month, and selected for Tri-County Academic Team, All-County, All-Conference, and All-State in football. He volunteers at the food bank, and both little league football and baseball activities and clean-up days at the ball fields. He plans to attend college and major in sports management and pursue a career as an athletic director.

## Lions Club WCHS Students of the Month

Shelby is the daughter of Jamie and Cody Hollenbeck of Waynesburg. She has carried a 4.0 GPA into her senior year. At WCHS Shelby has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Academic League Team and has served as a treasurer for the Art Club. She also attends courses at Waynesburg University.

Shelby loves music. She is a trombone player for the marching band, the pep band, the PMEA band and the concert band.

She has been recognized for her art. Shelby was the WCHS artist of the month for December. Her art was displayed in the high school lobby. She was also awarded the Waldman International Arts and Writing Competition 2nd Place Visual Arts Scholarship.

Outside of school Shelby enjoys spending time with friends, reading, and hiking. She volunteers with the Salvation Army. She enjoys working with animals. Shelby has worked at Kritter Kuts and Kennels and as a pet sitter.

Her future plans are to pursue a degree in psychology at a university where she can also play in the band and focus on the arts. Shelby recently moved to Waynesburg during the pandemic and credits the WCHS trom-



bone section with easing her transition to a new school.

Matt Ankrom is the son of Tom and Kelly Ankrom of Waynesburg. While at WCHS Matt has been involved in the choir, the National Honor Society, the baseball team and the golf team. He is a four-year letterman in golf. This year he served as the team captain. He has been recognized as an all-county athlete and is a two-time Tricada golf champion.

Matt also excels at baseball. He is a three-year letterman. He was the team captain last year, and was selected as an all-county baseball player. He also won the baseball Iron Man Award.

Mr. Ankrom is very involved in his church community. He is a member of Jefferson Baptist Church. He plays guitar there as a member of the worship team. He is also a member of the youth group

and serves as a bible teacher. In the summers Matt has worked as a counselor at Children's Bible Ministries.

Matt's future plans are to attend Waynesburg University and major in biblical and ministry studies. Matt loves the Lord and would like to remind everyone about Romans 5:8. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

## Greene County 4-H at PA Farm Show

Members of the Greene County 4-H Small Animal Club recently participated at the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA. Members showed their rabbits in the market show and the breeding show. Members who participated were Rachel Koratich, Jenna Longstreth, Allison Pecjak, Chase Sager, Jessie Cooke, Cody Harris and Elijah Harris.

Members of the Greene County 4-H Market Lamb and Market Lamb II/Sheep Breeding Club recently participated at the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA. Members participating were Katie Eitner, Carly Whyte, Allison Pecjak and Karston Williams. All members placed fourth or higher in their respective class.



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## WU Receives \$1.5 Grant for Training Program

Waynesburg University was recently awarded a three-year grant totaling more than \$1.5 million from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) for the launch of its Healthcare Workforce Resiliency Training (HWRT) Program.

The purpose of the HWRT Program, which is slated to launch in June, is to enhance the resilience, health and safety of healthcare workers in order to impact community resilience and mental health in the face of long-term stressors and health impacts amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am incredibly excited for our program and thankful for our team at Waynesburg University," said Dr. Michelle Steimer, assistant professor of counseling. "This program will allow us to continue the mission of Waynesburg in the community as we serve those who so selflessly serve others."

Facilitated through the University's Graduate and Professional Studies Counseling Program, the program will provide a comprehensive training curriculum to healthcare workers, first responders, and similar professionals tasked with the care of others.

This training curriculum will not only aid in healthcare workers' self-assessment and personal development, but also inform the daily work of providers with patients who have also suffered with increased mental health impacts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This program will provide a comprehensive training curriculum to individuals who have spent the last two years working long hours in difficult conditions while placing the care of others before themselves. I understand this strain firsthand as a counsel-

ing professional," said Dr. Steimer, who also works as a counselor at a private practice in addition to her role at Waynesburg.

The University is partnering with community leaders, healthcare organizations, first responders, and private practices to form a coalition that will collaborate to address healthcare worker and first responder mental health and resiliency needs.

The primary means of training will be through an online training series that introduces content in three tiers:

- Tier 1: Foundational knowledge and skills regarding resiliency, suicide prevention, addictions, and burnout in the healthcare workforce;
- Tier 2: A profession-specific training for nurses/physicians, counselors, and first responders; and
- Tier 3: A Train-the-Trainer course for leaders and supervisors in identified healthcare organizations.

The University will also provide trainings for healthcare workers, as well as one community resilience event per year. Although the training series will be conducted online, in-person community events will be held on main campus in Waynesburg, and guest speaker events will be held at the Southpointe campus in Canonsburg.

Interested individuals and organizations can request more information on the upcoming training program online at [waynesburg.edu/HWRTinfo](http://waynesburg.edu/HWRTinfo). The program is open to enrollment from individuals and agencies throughout Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, with a focus on serving medically underserved areas.



Members of the Greene County 4-H Small Animal Club also collected and donated items to Catnip Acres to help replace items lost in the fire that recently devastated their building.

# FIGHT DIRTY!

## HELP US STOP LITTER & KEEP GREENE CLEAN!

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## MSW Hosts WVU Recycling Audit

Mountain State Waste was excited to host the WVU Sustainability Department at their Mt. Morris, PA Transfer Station facility. Their goal was to conduct a recycle audit of several recycling containers on the WVU campus. Specifically, they were looking at the contamination rate of non-recyclable waste placed in the containers and the type of recyclable items that was disposed of in the dumpsters. WVU conducted this audit to better refine and improve their program while educating students and staff on better recycling habits that everyone can follow.

Mountain State was proud to lend their



facility to the WVU Sustainability Department for a day to better help and impact our community.

## Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Applications Available

The chamber is now accepting applications from graduating seniors for our 32nd Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship they will award this May in the amount of \$1,500. Our scholarship program is open to any Greene County resident who will be a graduating high school senior in 2022. The chamber urges all high school seniors who have been accepted to a College or Technical School as an incoming freshman this Fall and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better while in high school to apply for this scholarship. Applicants will be required to write an essay and

furnish a completed application and letter of acceptance. Applications are available to be printed directly from the Chamber website at [www.greenechamber.org](http://www.greenechamber.org) or by emailing [melody@greenechamber.org](mailto:melody@greenechamber.org). The top scoring applicants may be interviewed by a panel of judges as part of the application process. Completed applications must be submitted no later than Thursday, April 14th. The winner will be announced in early May. For more information, please contact the chamber office at 724-627- 5926 or email to [melody@greenechamber.org](mailto:melody@greenechamber.org).

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Blueprints' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is offered in partnership with the IRS, the United Way of Washington County and the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania to help residents in Washington and Greene counties who earned less than \$58,000 file their basic income taxes online for free. Call PA 2-1-1 Southwest to find out if you're eligible and make an appointment!

## Greene County Hiring

Greene County is hiring an Elections Manager in the Elections & Voter Registration department. The objective of the position is to oversee local, state, and federal pre-election and post-election procedures, laws and regulations used in Greene County. The position will also oversee day to day operations of the Department of Elections & Voter Registration.

They are also hiring a Director of

Bridges and Facilities in the Maintenance department. The objective of the position is to supervise and manage workers in the bridges, general construction work, general upkeep of County facilities, County roads and operate the necessary motorized equipment. Visit the Commissioners Facebook page FMI.

## Greene County PIONEER Program Announced

The Greene County Commissioners are excited to announce the County of Greene is now accepting applications for the Potential Infrastructure Opportunities Needing External Expenditures and Resources (PIONEER).

PIONEER is a new, strategic leveraging program created by the Greene County Commissioners using ACT 13 funding and other available funds for municipal governments, water and sewage authorities, and other eligible service providers that have made a commitment to provide and/or improve infrastructure. The program provides funding for infrastructure, including but not limited to: water, sewer, storm water and/or transportation. Leveraging is achieved by a commitment from the grantee or through various partnerships in the form of cash,

labor, and/or equipment.

"Our professionals in the Department of Planning & Community Development initiated this program knowing that money is tight at every level of government and understanding the importance of infrastructure investment. Whether the project is for new infrastructure that encourages further development or upgrades/repairs to existing systems, this funding opportunity will allow costs to be shared across mutually beneficiary partnerships," said County Commissioner Mike Belding

Infrastructure Grants up to \$50,000 per applicant and up to \$500,000 per project. For questions concerning the PIONEER Program, please contact Crystal Simmons, CDBG/HOME Director, at 724-852-5260 or [csimmons@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:csimmons@co.greene.pa.us).

## Registration for WU Health Conference

Registration is now open for Waynesburg University's first annual BHWET conference, Rewriting the Narrative: Advocacy in the Behavioral Health Workforce.

The conference will be held Friday, April 1, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Loft Conference Center, located at 1000 Noble Energy Drive in Canonsburg.

Amy Shanahan, owner of Compass Consulting & Training, LLC, will provide the keynote address, "Change Leadership and Mentorship: Lead From Any Chair." Drawing on more than 25 years of experience in addiction medicine, first as a clinician, then supervisor and ultimately administrator, Shanahan has provided evidence-based behavioral health consultation and training to peers, professionals, criminal justice personnel, providers and others.

Shanahan has conducted keynote addresses, training workshops and training-of-trainers across the United States and in-

ternationally on diverse subjects including leadership, clinical supervision, motivational interviewing, LGBTQAI, contingency management and creative problem solving.

The purpose of the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) program for professionals is to develop and expand experiential training opportunities, such as field placements and internships, in medical underserved areas with marginalized populations with an overarching goal of improving the sustainability of the behavioral health workforce.

The BHWET conference promises to fulfill the mission of the BHWET program by emphasizing relationships with community-based partners, providing participants with the tools needed to enhance the quality of behavioral health services and advocating for change leadership.

FMI/to register, visit [waynesburg.edu/BHWETconference](http://waynesburg.edu/BHWETconference).

## Blood Drive Helps Red Cross

Carmichaels' Community Pint-Sized Heroes Blood Drive, held at the American Legion Post 400, helped the American Red Cross collect 42 units of blood from a total of 49 donors.

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*If you'd like to comment on a picture, send in a GreeneScene of your own, ask questions or share an interesting tidbit about the local area, send it to: GreeneScene Magazine Message Board, 185 Wade Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370 or email to: [info@GreeneSceneMagazine.com](mailto:info@GreeneSceneMagazine.com).*



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## Crisis Pregnancy Center

An all-volunteer community service group located in Greene County is dedicated to helping the very young. Established in 2012, the Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) of Greene County's mission is to provide confidential care and support services to those in need. In addition to counseling those dealing with issues surrounding pregnancy, they also provide children's clothing, blankets, furniture, diapers, bottles, formula, and counseling. The CPC is a pro-life organization that receives no federal or state funds to provide needy services to pregnant mothers, expecting fathers, and caretakers of children up to four years of age.

The CPC is very much a community organization, and operations are funded by local individuals, churches, and businesses. The center's location, provided by Waynesburg University and rented at a discounted rate, is paid by churches in the community. The center's all-

volunteer staff includes part-time individuals comprised of university students and interns, with full-time volunteer staff members maintaining daily activities.

Other funds for the center come from fundraisers such as the Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby bottles are supplied to those individuals, churches, and businesses wishing to display the bottle for collection of donations. All the donations go towards supportive services as there is no payroll or oversight costs in running the operation. Director Marie Coffman contributes the organizations staying power and growth to the community's support, saying, "We are fortunate and blessed by community support and volunteers."

The center's 24-Hour Hotline Number is 724-627-6819. You can also email the staff at [cpcgreeneeco@gmail.com](mailto:cpcgreeneeco@gmail.com).



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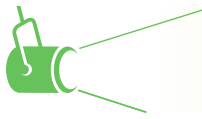
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## Fox Ford

For a business to last over 100 years, they must be doing something right.

That would be the case for Fox Ford, a car dealership in Waynesburg located on High Street. In 2021, the company celebrated its 100-year anniversary. There is a deeply rooted family legacy that the dealership prides itself on. Each one of those 100 years has a story attached to it. The name “Fox” means so much more than one would think at first glance. The three letters plastered on the front of the dealership hold a lot of weight.

It all started in the early 20th century, when established businessman Lloyd Leslie Long opened Mt. Morris Motor Company. This establishment sold cars, parts, gasoline and service. Long was not a Fox, but his marriage into the Fox family would set off a chain reaction that would lead to the state of the company in the present day.

Family has meant everything to this dealership, and at the same time the dealership meant so much to the Fox family. So much so that Alissa Fox, company president Mark Fox’s niece, believed Henry Ford was her great-grandfather when she was little. She wasn’t very thrilled to find out that the face of the American auto industry wasn’t related to her. One would argue, though, that Mr. Ford was, indirectly, a part of the family.

Ford officially recognized the dealership in 1921. Since then, the Greene County-based company has undergone The Great Depression and World War II while facing challenges of relocation and expansion that have shaped the company over the course of history. This entire time, Ford’s name was attached to this booming business.

The Fox name didn’t appear on the business until 1929, when Long decided to sell the store in Mt. Morris to three Fox brothers: Raymond, Ollie and Willis. By 1940, Long was ready to retire, and Ford eventually reassigned the Waynesburg agency point to the Fox brothers. There was now sole Fox ownership of the company.

In 1941, the business moved its location up several miles north to Waynesburg, near where it stands today. Leslie Long retired at this point, meaning that Ford would reassign the dealership to the Fox brothers shortly after. It would be called “Fox Motor Company.”

After nearly 50 years of expanding and growing, Fox Motor Company wanted to continue their expansion by getting a new dealership building. In 1995, the old “Yeager building” they used was unable to be refurbished any further to keep up with the times, so they sought a new building. Using the Ford-produced specifications, a new building was constructed right where it is now on East High Street, which finished construction in 1997. It then took on the name “Fox Ford Mercury” for a short time, before Mercury stopped production in 2011, and the company changed to its current name, Fox Ford, Inc.

Mark Fox was named the president of Fox Ford in 2013 upon the passing of his father, Bob. Since then, Mark is the man in charge of the High Street establishment. Bob had been with the company since 1946, leaving Mark with big shoes to fill. In 2016, Mark was named the chairman for the Pennsylvania Automotive Association board of directors, a position his father once held, after being on the board for 12 years.

“It’s not just been me,” Mark said. “I have a brother who’s a partner and a brother who retired, our father was in this for a long time and then this company was founded by my



grandfather and his brother. I’m following in a lot of footsteps [who] have done a lot to make it what it is today.”

Now, here in the present day, the Fox legacy is documented in “The Fox Ford Story” which was put together by Mark’s daughters, Mindy Fox Ashby, Missy Fox Sargent, and Michelle Fox Shoup. Mark is “very, very proud” of the book that his children put together for the 100th Anniversary celebration.

Betty Fox, mother of Mark, made an effort to preserve the past. In the center of the dealership is a waiting room built from old red bricks salvaged from the old building. Betty set up the room with framed pictures and mementos.

“Tucked into the heart of the dealership, this room was an architectural representation of a significant truth: the Foxes only built on what their forebears had already established,” Mindy wrote. “The Fox legacy endures now one hundred years later into the fifth generation.”

Similar to what it was back in the Mt. Morris days, they offer cars, service and everything in between. One can test drive and buy new vehicles, like the new 2022 Ford Explorer or Ford Bronco. They also offer used cars for those looking for the more affordable route, where one could get their hands on a used Ford F-150 or a certified pre-owned vehicle. For maintenance, the Ford service center is open Monday through Saturday. Customers can also stop by Quick Lane down the street for an oil change or tire rotation. Fox Ford also offers OEM Ford parts and accessories for order.

Being one of Waynesburg’s most historic businesses, they have a deep connection to the surrounding community. Fox Ford works with Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Department,



Greene County high school sports teams, Greene County Humane Society, Toys for Tots and local scholarship programs. While maintaining an active presence in the community, Fox Ford also dedicates themselves to “transparency, honesty and integrity,” as listed on their website, foxfordwaynesburg.com.

“The majority of this narrative will be entirely unknown outside of Greene County. It involves no heads of state or great scientific discoveries. The Foxes changed the oil, balanced the checkbook, painted the floor ... They fought the fire, went to church and befriended the neighbor. They were the faithfully ordinary, just the sort of people Henry Ford found extraordinary,” Mindy wrote.

Fox Ford of Waynesburg is located at 743 E. High St and is welcoming to cater to your auto-related needs. As the motto says, “You’ll find it at Fox Ford.”





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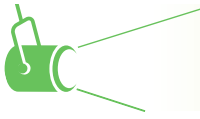


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## Mountain State Waste

In 2013, Mountain State Waste began operation in Morgantown, West Virginia. Today, they have made a home servicing Greene County and the surrounding areas offering waste service options to residential, business, and other customers throughout the county. "It has been great being here in Greene County," said Mountain State Waste Company vice president and co-owner JP Phillips. "The people of Perry Township have been very helpful and supportive as we set up operations and have been great partners who are beneficial to our operation."

Just two years after starting the business, Mountain State Waste began servicing Greene County in 2015. They then moved into their Mt. Morris facility in 2016, and most of their administrative functions moved there in 2021. They service all of Greene County and Monongalia County, as well as 21 other counties in West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Along with waste management services, Mountain State Waste also offers Waste and recycling audits for local businesses. This is a study where they sort through the waste and see what is being recycled and what is being landfilled and how you can get more out of

your recycling solutions. "We offer services to go out to local businesses and do a waste audit right there on site," said Phillips. "We check to see how efficient your waste and recycling services are and whether or not you are getting the most bang for your buck."

However, when asked why someone should choose Mountain State Waste over other waste management company's Phillips responded with one word: accessibility. "One thing that we hear from our existing customers a lot is that we are accessible," said Phillips. "When you need to get a hold of us you can reach someone at the office, and you are going to get a solution to your issues."

On April 2, Mountain State Waste will be opening their Transfer Station to the public every Saturday through October. You can



bring household waste and large items like furniture and construction debris from 7 AM to 11 AM.

To learn more about the services they offer and see if Mountain State Waste is right

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Specialty Herbal Products' motto is "getting back to the roots of healing." Owner Brian King, a registered, practicing pharmacist, started the business in his home 29 years ago, before moving it to uptown High Street, and then eventually to its current location at 1470 East High Street. Specialty Herbal Products is Greene County's only health food store and carries a large assortment of vitamins, herbs, essential oils, organic foods, weight loss, gluten-free, and other specialty and natural products. They also sell locally grown/made products: honey, eggs, candles and soaps. Specialty Herbal offers an everyday 15% NOW products discount, 10% Terry Naturally discount, and a weekly senior (55+) discount day (10%) on Wednesday.

Providing quality products is the promise that Specialty Herbal makes to all their customers. Quality products begin with superior raw ingredients and a robust quality control protocol at every phase of the manufacturing process. "The health promoting effects of herbs are determined by the soil they are grown in, when they were harvested, and how they are dried and stored. It's not something that can be mass marketed," Brian says. "Our motivation is to get people that have tried inferior products that didn't work to try our products."

Specialty Herbal was one of the first, if not the first company, to bring CBD Hemp Oil products to Greene County. The hemp oil industry is unregulated, and many companies offer cheap products that contain little to no CBD or tainted/synthetic CBD. The CBD Hemp Oil at Specialty Herbal has been carefully tested for potency and purity. Their CBD oils are quality extracts that not only contains CBD, but also CBG, CBC, CBN, Terpenes, and over 80 other cannabinoids. This full-spectrum "entourage effect" makes these oils much stronger and more effective than single-ingredient CBD isolates. Brian feels they have four of the best CBD companies in the industry.

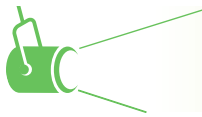
Specialty Herbal Products continues to add new products to its existing product line. Their fastest growing supplement line is manufactured by "Terry Naturally." They make unique vitamin/herbal combination products that go the extra mile. For example, Terry Naturally's Turmeric/Curcumin is made with the most clinically

studied, enhanced absorption curcumin in the world. This specialized curcumin is scientifically proven to be up to 500 times more powerful than turmeric and is used in over 70 groundbreaking clinical studies. "Terry Naturally" was voted the #1 supplement company by Whole Foods Magazine in 2022. Terry Naturally's Curamin was voted the #1 pain relief supplement.

Specialty Herbal Products was on the forefront in the COVID-19 pandemic fight, providing numerous vitamins and immune stimulant supplements. As their name implies, "Specialty Herbal Products" are their expertise, and immune enhancing herbal products are some of the most effective immune products in the world. Traditional Herbs proved to be very helpful during the pandemic for many cultures around the world. Every year brings more and more scientific validation use of Traditional Herbs from many different parts of the world. Brian agrees with the FLCCC protocol for Covid-19 prevention, which includes Vitamin D3, Vitamin C, Zinc, Quercetin, and Melatonin. Specialty Herbal Products brought in a number of less known supplements which some Covid-19 protocols and doctors recommended, and many people could not find. These included: Black Cumin Seed Oil, Nattokinase, Lumbrokinase, Liposomal Glutathione, and Lactoferrin. If you want sound advice and quality supplements you can trust, stop in and talk to the helpful, knowledgeable staff at Specialty Herbal Products.







## Mon Health Medical Center

### Mon Health Medical Center First in Region Recognized as Center of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology

**M**on Health Medical Center has been named a Center of Excellence for Minimally Invasive Gynecology (COEMIG). The COEMIG accreditation is awarded to surgeons by the Surgical Review Corporation, an internationally recognized patient safety organization.

As well as the accreditation for Mon Health Medical Center, several physicians were named as Surgeons of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology, including Christine Brodish Wilson, MD, FACOG, Susan Capelle, MD, FACOG, Craig Herring, MD, FACOG, William McBee, MD, FACOG, and John Sunyecz, MD, FACOG.

“The COEMIG designation recognizes surgeons and medical facilities that demonstrate an unparalleled commitment and ability to deliver the safest and highest quality minimally invasive gynecologic medical care,” said Dr. Sunyecz. “In earning this designation, these surgeons join a safety and quality improvement program that identifies best medical practices, enhances systems, protocols and processes, and promotes education for medical staff.

For women, the benefits of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery are crucial and include reduced trauma, shorter operating time, faster healing time, minimal scarring, and reduced risk of infection. Patients receive better outcomes with decreased complications and morbidity. This distinction also enables patients to identify centers such as Mon Health Medical Center as an organization with a higher standard of gynecological care. Within the facility, the designation ensures that staff understand the benefits of minimally invasive gynecology as opposed to other open surgical methods.

“The purpose of the COEMIG accreditation is to serve women by advancing the safest and more efficacious diagnostic and therapeutic techniques that afford less invasive treatments,” Dr. McBee said. “This designation recognizes surgeons and facilities that demonstrate a commitment and ability to consistently deliver safe, effective, evidence-based care.”

The designation was created with the goals of increasing safety and efficiency, cutting costs, and increasing patient awareness and access to minimally invasive surgical options for women.

“This accreditation shows that the efforts and resources



of both our surgeons and our hospital are what provide lasting health benefits for patients,” said Mark Gilliam, CAO of Mon Health Medical Center and Senior Vice President of Mon Health System. “Participation in COEMIG has further focused our team on exceeding clinical benchmarks and guidelines to enhance the health of the communities we serve, one person at a time.”

Mon Health Medical Center is also recognized as a Center of Excellence in robotic surgery making it the premier hospital in the region to offer these surgical procedures, helping patients experience less pain and faster recoveries after surgery. In addition to this designation, Dr. Jaschar Shakuri-Rad,

was recognized as a Master Surgeon and Surgeon of Excellence and Dr. Mark Johnson was recognized as a surgeon of excellence by the Surgical Review Corporation.

These accreditations distinguish Mon Health Medical Center from other facilities by providing the highest quality of care to patients as determined by an independent, external process of evaluation.

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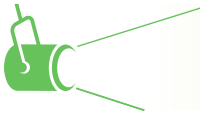
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## Greene County Foster Care

# “Open your heart, open your home... change a life!”

That is the mission statement of Greene County Foster Care, which is constantly on the hunt for individuals in the region looking to do just that—open their hearts and homes.

What exactly is a foster parent? The Oxford dictionary defines “foster” as “[to] encourage or promote the development of something, typically something regarded as good.” When a child’s parents provide an unsafe, inadequate environment for the child, the courts address the situation. Oftentimes the child is temporarily removed from the home as a result, requiring a foster parent to provide a loving and caring home for the child during this time.

Foster children may be in their position due to a variety of reasons. These may include but are not limited to neglect, physical/emotional abuse, or parental incarceration. The conditions foster children endure are damaging and trauma-inducing, and the custody transfer is even more mentally straining on the youth. While having basic needs fulfilled by being placed in a foster home, the most important need a foster parent can provide is love.

Foster parents are in high demand. Agency Director Mark Starostanko notes that there are many teenagers in need of foster parents, in particular. Of course, there is a universal need for foster parents to care for children of all ages.

Ideally, the goal is to reunite foster children with their original parents after the time of correction, which takes anywhere from 15-24 months. Court orders typically allow visits as much as every week in an effort to reunite the family. Foster parents do not typically keep foster children for more than two years.

Adoption is also another pathway for foster children. Sometimes, correctional efforts are futile, and the children never get to reunite with their biological parents. Depending on the circumstances, relatives of the foster child will adopt them, but in other cases, the foster parents may be the ones to adopt their foster child.

As of June 2021, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Pennsylvania has 14,070 children in foster care and has a goal of setting up 3,006 with adoption. In 2020, only 2,050 children were adopted. In Pennsylvania, 50 percent of foster children returned to their parents. According to Family Care For Children & Youth 20 percent of foster children were adopted, either by foster care families or relatives.

To become a foster parent, one must be 21 years of age, pass a medical examination, pass a drug test and random screenings, obtain clearances relating to child abuse and criminal history, provide adequate space for the child and other standards to make sure the incoming foster child is set to live in a safe environment. Pre-service training is also provided to give potential foster parents a better understanding of how the child’s past experiences can affect them and how to employ various parenting techniques. This training also teaches one about resources available to help guide new foster parents.

Foster care is temporary; these children are placed in the custody of the Greene County Children and Youth Services agency by the courts. Greene County Foster Care provides homes for these children and gives children a safe and loving

home due to parents not being able to provide adequate care.

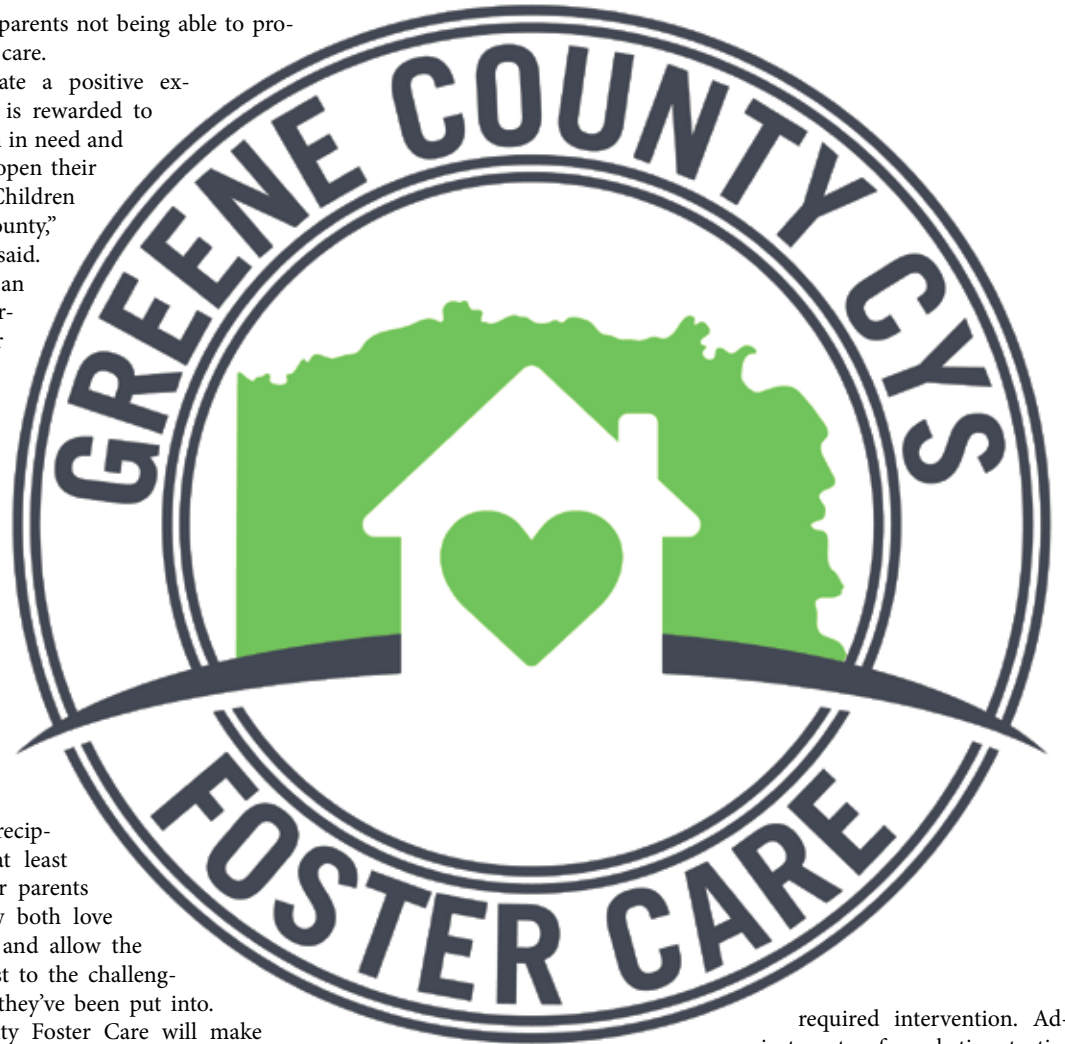
“We create a positive experience that is rewarded to both Children in need and families that open their doors to the Children of Greene County,” Starostanko said. “We provide an array of services to Foster families that need assistance with foster children.”

It’s no secret that the fostering process can be difficult, however. These children need love, make no mistake, but they may not reciprocate that, at least at first. Foster parents need to show both love and patience and allow the child to adjust to the challenging situation they’ve been put into. Greene County Foster Care will make sure the parent-child combination is compatible before any further steps are taken.

Family Care For Children & Youth also debunks negative connotations about foster children, as their website states, “While many connect foster care to ‘troubled teenagers,’ the facts again paint a different picture. In Pennsylvania, the majority of children in foster care (30 percent) are between one and five years of age. The next greatest distribution is children between 16 and 20 years of age (23 percent).”

Currently, Greene County is actively recruiting loving homes to care for these children in need. Utilizing their Facebook page, Greene County Foster Care shares encouraging and fun-spirited posts to recruit potential foster parents. Ice Skating, sledding, movie night, winter hike, living room camp-out, building snowmen and snowball fights are some activities that foster families can do together, according to their Facebook page portraying such activities.

As long as the child welfare program has been in existence, the Greene County Children and Youth Services programming has been in existence. Over the course of its lifespan, the program has gone through waning cycles, and thus



required intervention. Adjustments of marketing tactics and general revamping were necessary to keep filling the need of giving children the loving parents they deserve.

According to Starostanko, identification of the Kinship Care and the Family First Initiative programming guided the program in the direction of being a smaller county and the ability to keep the foster care programming in-house, thus reducing the need for outsourced programming, which the agency is trying to move away from.

“Greene County Foster Care provides nurturing and loving homes to Children in need. Greene County wants to provide these Children with the same opportunities that other Children have,” Starostanko said. “We want to prepare these Children to be part of a great community and be able to be a good citizen.”

Anyone interested in learning more about Greene County Foster Care can call (724) 852-5217, visit their Facebook page or visit their website, [gcfostercare.com](http://gcfostercare.com). If this article was convincing enough, you can directly apply here now. Only you can make a difference in this mutually rewarding, life-changing experience.



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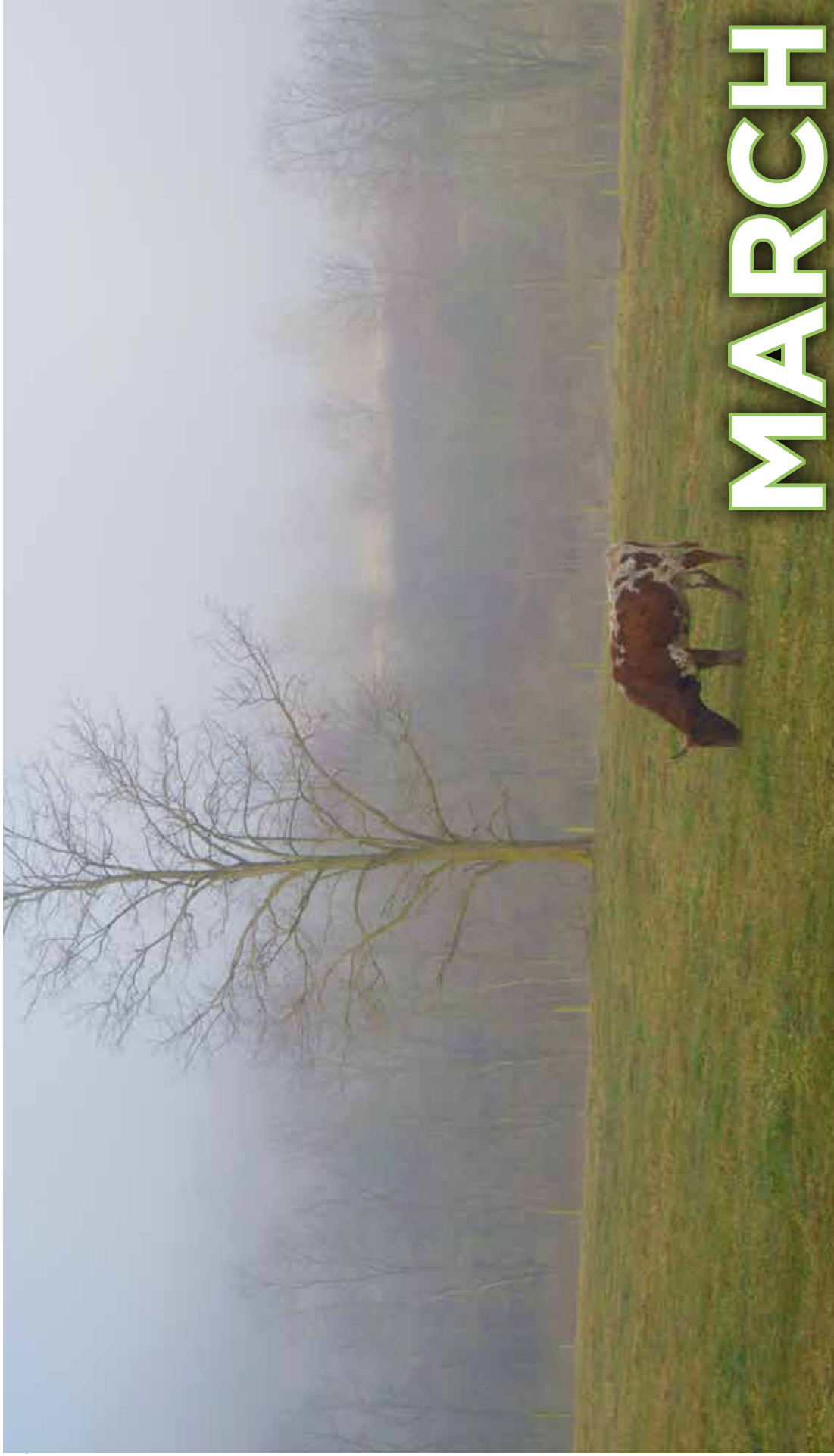
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# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Friends Sharing Grief	Flea Market, Preschool Storytime, Pajama Storytime	Discovery Detectives	Toddler Storytime, Baby Lapsit Storytime, STREAM Into STEM	Ribbon Cutting & Open House, Roller Skating 	Flea Market, Girl Scout Cookie Booth, TOPS, Roller Skating
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Gary Prisby Live	Friends Sharing Grief	Flea Market, Preschool Storytime, Pajama Storytime	Little Shop of Horrors	Toddler Storytime, Baby Lapsit Storytime, STREAM Into STEM, Little Shop of Horrors	Music & Dance, Movie Night at the Library, Roller Skating 	Flea Market, Puzzle Competition, TOPS, Chili Cookoff, Roller Skating
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Friends Sharing Grief	Flea Market, Preschool Storytime, Pajama Storytime		Toddler Storytime, Baby Lapsit Storytime, STREAM Into STEM	Adult Craft Night, Little Shop of Horrors, Roller Skating 	Flea Market, Indoor Yard Sale, TOPS, St. Patty's Day Cash Bash, Little Shop of Horrors, Roller Skating
27	28	29	30	31		
	Friends Sharing Grief	Flea Market, Preschool Storytime, Pajama Storytime		Toddler Storytime, Baby Lapsit Storytime, STREAM Into STEM	Cosmic Bingo, Roller Skating 	Flea Market, Spring Gardening Seminar, TOPS, CPR Certification Class, Cricut Class, Roller Skating

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- 1 Flea Market**  
7am-2pm @ Greene Co. Fairgrounds. Every Tuesday & Saturday.
- 2 Preschooler Storytime**  
10:30am, 1:30pm @Bowliby Library. Tuesdays, ages 3-6 years. FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776.
- 3 Pajama Storytime**  
5pm @Bowliby Library. Tuesdays, ages 18 months-3 years. FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776.
- 4 Adult Book Buddies**  
6:30pm @Fredericktown Area Public Library, first Tuesday of the month.
- 5 Stories Under the Moon**  
5pm @Bowliby Library. Wednesdays, ages 3-6 years. FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776.
- 6 Discovery Detectives**  
7pm @Fredericktown Area Public Library, first Wednesday of the month.
- 7 Toddler Storytime**  
10:30am, 1:30pm @Bowliby Library. Thursdays, ages 18 months-3 years. FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776.
- 8 Baby Lapsit Storytime**  
11:30am @Bowliby Library. Thursdays, ages 6 weeks to 18 months. FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776.
- 9 STREAM into STEM**  
5pm @Bowliby Library. Thursdays for school age children. FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776.
- 10 Ribbon Cutting & Open House**  
10am @Bowliby Library. See the newly renovated space of the The Exploration and Creative Studio. Light refreshments. RSVP at 724-627-9776.
- 11 Roller Skating**  
7-10pm @Mon View Roller Rink, every Friday & Saturday. Cost: \$7. FMI: 724-852-5323.
- 12 Girl Scout Cookie Booth**  
10am-2pm @Carmichaels First UMC Fellowship Hall. All cookies \$5/box.
- 13 TOPS**  
10am @Bowliby Library. Weight management support group meets every Saturday. FMI: 724-627-9776.
- 14 Friends Sharing Grief**  
6pm @Bowliby Library. Every Monday. Support group for those that have suffered a loss. FMI: 724-627-9776.
- 15 Reading Rangers Reading Club**  
7pm @Fredericktown Area Public Library, second Wednesday of the month. Fourth grade and up.
- 16 Movie Night @ the Library**  
7pm @Bowliby Library. Free snack and beverage! FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776.
- 17 Music & Dance**  
6:30-10pm @ Center Township VFD. Refreshments, cake walk and 50/50. Cost: \$12/ couple, \$7/ single, \$5 for ages 12-18, and under 12 free. FMI: 724-499-5148
- 18 Puzzle Competition**  
9:30am-12:30pm @Bowliby Library. 10 teams of two compete to solve 500-piece puzzle in three hours. FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776.
- 19 Adult Craft Night**  
6pm @Bowliby Library. Craft TBA, cost: \$20. FMI or to register, call 724-627-9776
- 20 Indoor Yard Sale**  
8am-1pm @Center Township VFD Auxiliary in Rogersville. Refreshments available. For tables 724-833-1080.



**Bobtown & Dunkard Twp. VFC**  
11am to 7pm on Ash Wednesday and every Friday. Dine in, carry out, and local delivery. FMI: 724-839-7140.

**Greensboro VFD** 11am to 7pm every Friday. Dine in, carry out, and local delivery. 724-943-3800 FMI.

**Point Marion VFD\*** 4pm to 7pm every Friday. 724-222-0454 FMI.

**Richhill Township VFD\*** 3pm to 7pm every Friday. Take out only. 724-428-4242 FMI.

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**Crucible VFD** 3pm to 8pm every Friday, 11am to 8pm Good Friday. 724-592-5359 FMI.

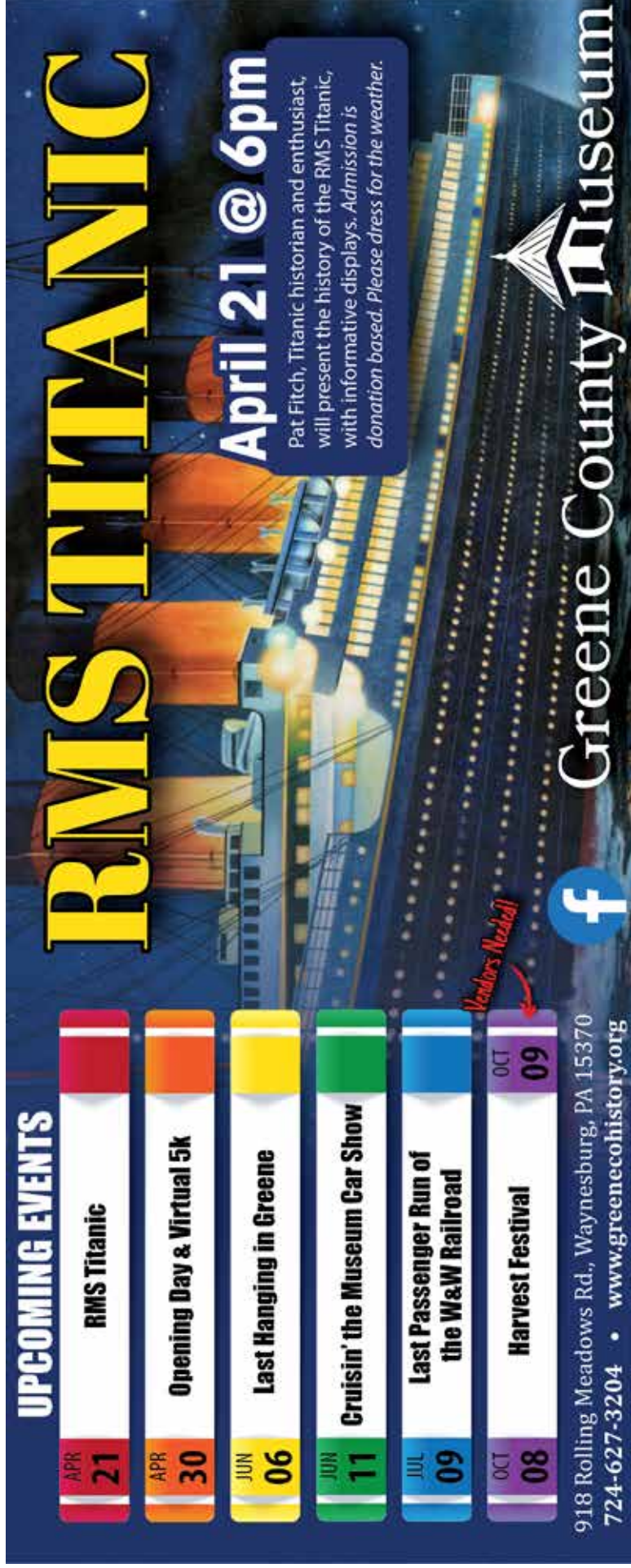
**Knights of Coumbus/St. Ann**  
Lunch 11:30am to 1pm, dinner 4:30 to 7pm every Friday. Dine in or carry out. FMI 724-883-3901.

**Jefferson VFC** 11am to 7pm every Friday. No delivery. FMI 724-883-3901.

**Marianna VFC** 11am to 6:30pm every Friday, except 4/8. Dine in or carry out. FMI 724-267-3112.

**Nemacolin VFD** 11am to 6pm every Friday. Dine in, carry out, local delivery. FMI 724-966-7408.

**All fish fries are until Good Friday.**



# RMS TITANIC

**April 21 @ 6pm**

Pat Fitch, Titanic historian and enthusiast, will present the history of the RMS Titanic, with informative displays. Admission is donation based. Please dress for the weather.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

APR	21	RMS Titanic
APR	30	Opening Day & Virtual 5k
JUN	06	Last Hanging in Greene
JUN	11	Cruisin' the Museum Car Show
JUL	09	Last Passenger Run of the W&W Railroad
OCT	08	Harvest Festival

*Members Needed* (with arrow pointing to Oct 08)

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## Knight's Farm Supply

Plan now for the 45th Annual Spring Open House at Knight's Farm Supply in Glen Easton, West Virginia: March 17, 18, & 19. Knight's offers some of the best pricing of the year and excellent financing opportunities on tractors, implements, equipment and everything else a busy farmer or gardener needs to get ready for spring.

As is traditional, Knight's will offer hot foods and drinks all day Thursday & Friday. Knight's emphasizes that carry-out and curbside service is available. "We want everyone to be able to enjoy the extra discounts and fun of our Open House. We have safe practices in place and curbside service is available for both food and your advance parts orders, for those who want to just grab & go," Missy says.

It's a great opportunity to see new models and talk to factory reps, even watch demos. And an opportunity to save big on all parts for equipment and implements from New Holland & Massey Ferguson, Krone, Woods, Echo, Shindaiwa, Land Pride, and others. Place your parts order by phone or email **NO LATER THAN MARCH 15TH TO RECEIVE 10% OFF PARTS**. Orders received after March 15th or during Open House will not receive as large a discount as those placed on or before MARCH 15th. So be sure to call or email in your parts order early – to receive the maximum savings.

If you're thinking about buying a new tractor, or any equipment, the inventory of both new and used is at a high just for this event – it's the best time of the year to make your deal.

Knight's also carries popular product lines like: Baumalight equipment; Danuser Equipment; Sitrex; Befco; Rowse Mowers; Wallenstein Products; Blue Diamond Attachments; Winco Generators; JBM Feeder

Wagons and Bale Wrappers.

Spring Open House also brings discounts on supplies like New Holland & Massey Ferguson oil, baler twine, net wrap and silage wrap, wire, fence supplies and more. The treated poplar 1x6x16 fence boards will be on sale for just \$12.99. Yellow pine fence posts (3-4X7) just \$6.25. You can't find a better source of livestock feeds, supplements and show supplies than Knight's, including Weavers, Purina, Nutrena, Moormans and Kalmbach feeds.

Spring will come – so Knight's is well stocked on all farm and garden supplies including seed potatoes, vegetable seeds, all types fertilizers and tools. Knight's is a full line Muck Boot & Dryshod dealer, too – with all styles and sizes for the whole family, even the Muck Met Guard boots for coal miners.

"Many people take advantage of the deals and plan to purchase during Open House," says Missy Knight, "But our efforts don't end there. Our customers expect a high level of service and we take pride in our ability to accommodate their needs all the time – especially during their peak seasons. We strive to keep our inventory of equipment, parts and supplies ready for their needs all year. The Open House is really just our chance to say thank you to our loyal customers and meet our next generation...Landry Blake. Please come and enjoy it."

Don't wait to order your parts – Call your parts order in by March 15th, and they'll have it ready for pick up at Open House with the 10% discount. Call 304-845-1525 or 304-686-2525 or email your parts order to [missy@knightsfarmsupply.com](mailto:missy@knightsfarmsupply.com). You can also text your orders to 304-281-5166.



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road. Car's too broken to drive? Their towing service will get your car where it needs to be. Along with basic car needs and towing, they sell used tires and buy unwanted used or junk cars for cash.

Customers—and potential customers—are always welcome to stop by the shop from Monday to Saturday with any questions you have. The friendly and down-to-earth crew of mechanics and assistants will gladly help. FMI, visit [corwinmotorsllc.com](http://corwinmotorsllc.com) or find them on Facebook.



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## Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bee's

### The Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bee's Gift Shop: Come See What the Buzz is All About

When it comes to shopping for gifts, the most memorable are those that come from the heart. Immediately when walking through the doors of the Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bee's, customers can sense the whole shop is packed full of items created with heart and soul that just feel like they belong in a home. The atmosphere of the store is bright and fun with shelves and decorated displays full of fresh flowers, silks, sympathy items, candles, health products, teas, honey, custom gift baskets, lanterns, custom designs, wreaths, caramels, and much more.

One of the most attractive aspects of the shop is the sheer number of possibilities in customization. While most of their items already have a personal feel to them, the Perfect Arrangement's team of designers is ready to personalize the dream gift arrangement for their customers from a seemingly endless list of products.

The shop opened in December of 2005 and is currently owned and run by local Greene County residents, Pam and Kent Marisa. Alongside Pam is a gifted team of designers and staff that do everything they can to help their customers find or create that "something special". They fully believe in their abilities to turn seemingly mundane items into something that will make someone's week.

Designer Dori Daniels Eddy has become an essential part of the team with her floral talents playing a major role in Lily Bee's latest look along with the new line of bath and

body products by Michel Design Works and candles that are flying off the shelves.

Designers Amanda Tustin and Heather Darr also play key roles in the creation of PALB's line of customizable arrangements with their specializations in creating special event bouquets and silk wreaths. Store manager Janet Baxendell additionally has over twenty years of experience in creating specialty bouquets for anything from weddings to proms.

The Perfect Arrangement is not only perfect for special occasions. Casually sending flowers to your loved ones or friends is always an option with their daily deliveries available to all of Greene County and beyond. There is also a corner of the store dedicated specifically to the moments and occasions that require gifts of sympathy or support. The gifts in this corner provide memorable ways and ideas to share your condolences with the ones who need it such as carved stones, wind chimes, throws, lanterns, and fresh floral tributes. Their local florists can also craft bereavement flowers, funeral sprays, and lovely plant arrangements. Like our Facebook and Instagram page to follow lots of NEW & EXCITING items & services coming soon to The Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bees.

To get in contact with Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bee's for a flower delivery order or any general questions, call 724-627-3191, or come check out the shop yourself at 694 E High St, Waynesburg, PA.



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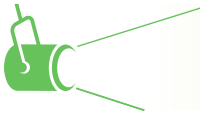
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# Aids Free Pittsburgh

## Did you know that people living with HIV can receive assistance for supportive services in Southwestern Pennsylvania?

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHP) is a government program that provides funds for health care and supportive services to people living with HIV/AIDS. The program is the largest federal program designed specifically for people with HIV in the United States. First enacted in 1990, the Ryan White Program has played an increasingly significant role as the number of people living with HIV has grown over time and people with HIV are living longer. It provides outpatient care and support services to individuals and families affected by the disease, functioning as the “payer of last resort” by filling the gaps for those who have no other source of coverage or face coverage limits or cost barriers. Some of the services that people living with HIV can receive are:

- Child Care Services
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- Health Education/Risk Reduction
- Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance for Low Income Individuals
- Home and Community-Based Services
- Home Health Care
- Hospice Services
- Housing
- Linguistic Services (Translation and Interpretation)
- Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Medical Transportation
- Mental Health Services
- Non-Medical Case Management
- Oral Health Care
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services
- Outreach Services
- Psychosocial Support
- Referral for Healthcare and Supportive Services
- Rehabilitation Services
- Respite Care
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Care
- Substance Abuse Services (residential)

For someone to receive these services, they must:

1. Live in Pennsylvania
2. Be living with HIV
3. And, have a gross annual income of less than or equal to 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). As of January 2022, this income limit for one person is \$65,700.

These services are provided by many organizations in southwestern PA. Please go to [aidsfreepittsburgh.org](http://aidsfreepittsburgh.org) to find a provider that is right for you.

### What is HIV?

- HIV is a virus that weakens the immune system making it harder for the body to fight off diseases.
- HIV can be transmitted by:
- Sexual contact where semen, vaginal fluids, or



- blood are exchanged.
- Sharing needles or other drug or hormone injection equipment.
- From mother to baby during pregnancy, birth, or breastfeeding (if the mother is not on HIV medication).

### What is AIDS?

AIDS is the most severe phase of HIV infection and the amount of virus in the body is very high and very infectious. The immune systems of people diagnosed with AIDS do not work well and they cannot fight off serious illnesses. Without medication, HIV can make a person very sick and cause death.

There have been many advancements in medications to treat and prevent HIV. Today, HIV is a very manageable condition if someone stays in treatment. Someone living with HIV and on effective medication, can live a long and healthy life. If they stay on medication, the virus will become ‘undetectable’ which means that it will not cause serious illness. If the virus is undetectable, it cannot be passed on to someone else. This is called U=U, or undetectable = untransmittable.

It is recommended that everyone be tested for HIV at least once in their lifetime. If they feel they may be at risk for HIV, they should be tested more often. People can avoid getting HIV by:

- Using a prevention method called PrEP. PrEP is a



- pill or an injection that prevents HIV.
- Using condoms during sexual activity.
- Using new needles when injecting drugs and not sharing them with others.
- Talking with their sexual partners about their HIV status.

To learn more about HIV or to find where to get treated, tested, or get on PrEP, please visit [aidsfreepittsburgh.org](http://aidsfreepittsburgh.org). You can also email [info@aidsfreepittsburgh.org](mailto:info@aidsfreepittsburgh.org) or text/call 412.773.1120 for assistance.

The Ryan White Part B program and AIDS Free Pittsburgh are supported through The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF).



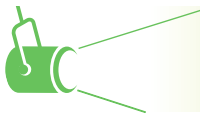
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## PW Auto

**P**W Auto Sales & Service has been providing excellent customer service to the community for 37 years. Pat Westich, owner, knows that good customer service and doing the job right help build a loyal customer base. He says, "I have some customers that have been with me from the beginning."

"The customers keep coming back because they know we're trustworthy," Pat adds. "We aren't pushy when it comes to sales, and we're always open and honest when dealing with them."

Enhanced inspections, needed when a vehicle has been totaled, repaired and needs retitling, are offered. They are one of only two shops in the county to offer this service and they have been offering it since its start in 2007. In fact, they were one of the first in the state to offer it. PW inspects cars, light trucks, trailers, and large trucks so people can get back on the road with their vehicles legally.

PW specializes in affordable and dependable used vehicles. All vehicles undergo a safety check and come with a basic warranty. An additional warranty through an outside warranty company is also available. PW stands behind the vehicles they sell. "If you purchase a car from us and come back in

a few days and say the car is making a noise, we'll take a look at it and fix it, free of charge," Pat states.

Notary services are also available, along with plate and title work. PW has partnered with Credit Acceptance to provide credit for vehicle purchases. Credit Acceptance is a great company that offers financing to everybody to get people in a vehicle while reestablishing their credit rating at the same time, if need be. PW Auto Sales & Service is open Monday-Friday from 8am-3pm and Saturdays from 8am-12p, (please call if coming after 3 on weekdays and on most Saturdays). FMI, call 724-852-2023 or visit pwautoservices.com.



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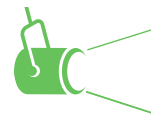
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## McCracken Pharmacy

**O**riginally established in 1961 by Jack McCracken, this local drug store has progressed in all the right ways over the years, changing where change was needed while keeping personal service a tradition; very much in keeping with the slogan, "Yesterday's Service, Today's Technology."

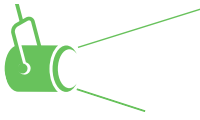
Long-time pharmacist, Scott Adamson, who began his relationship with McCracken when he served an internship in 1992, purchased the pharmacy in 2013, when Jeff McCracken retired. With the same philosophy of balanced progression and tradition, Scott has continued the work of keeping McCracken Pharmacy at the forefront of technology and modern convenience while maintaining comfort and personal attention to every customer.

The last few years have brought many changes as McCracken Pharmacy underwent a total re-branding, introducing a new logo design, color scheme and complete remodeling of the building's interior and exterior. Located at the gateway to downtown Waynesburg, the remodeling project enhanced both the McCracken building and the neighborhood around it. With carefully chosen colors and style that represent McCracken's unique brand of "Yesterday's Service, Today's Technology" the look certainly says it all. Scott is quick to point out, however, that the longevity and most valuable asset to McCracken Pharmacy is what you find inside the building -

the people. "We've been fortunate to be able to maintain a relatively large staff, and to keep a high caliber of people who are consistent and compassionate with our customers, I'm proud to work with the people here," Scott emphasizes. There are four pharmacists on staff, along with 8 additional techs and support personnel serving McCracken's customers. That's how they continue to provide "Yesterday's Service" you can't find anywhere else.

As for "Today's Technology," McCracken Pharmacy has always been a leader in the latest tools and expertise to deliver accuracy and efficiency in filling prescriptions and serving all needs of customers. That never changes. Just as McCracken was among the very first pharmacies to even use computer technology back in the 1960s, and later the most innovative dispensing systems, our local pharmacy today is helping to pioneer new methods of packaging designed to facilitate and improve accuracy in daily dosing of medications. "We offer innovative blister and strip packaging systems that clearly label and separate medicines for daily doses and help patients and caregivers stay informed and in control," Scott explains. Particularly useful for those who take multiple doses and meds, this new system is easy to follow and much appreciated by customers. Just one more example of how our iconic "corner drug store" with all the charm of Yesterday's Service is still a leader in Today's Technology.





## Washington Health Systems

In November, Washington Health System (WHS) proudly announced that both their hospitals, WHS Washington Hospital and WHS Greene, received an 'A' Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for fall of 2021. This national distinction recognizes both hospitals for their achievements in protecting patients from harm and error in the hospital.

If you are not familiar with Washington Health System, they are the only independent community health system in Washington and Greene County and provide health care services at more than 40 off-site locations throughout three counties. Our local hospital, Washington Health System Greene, is a community centered hospital, located in Waynesburg. It is also Greene County's only acute care hospital. This 23-bed inpatient unit hospital offers 24-hour emergency services, a range of diagnostic imaging specialties, a fully accredited laboratory, a cardiac care center, outpatient cancer care, a rehabilitation center, a swing bed program as well as a 28-bed long term residential drug rehabilitation unit (Greenbriar Treatment Center).

Washington Health System's integrated system of care, employing more than 2,300 highly trained medical professionals also

consists of diagnostic centers, outpatient care facilities, the WHS Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center and Greenbriar Treatment Center all seamlessly working together to provide excellent patient-and-family-centered care.

"Leapfrog's recognition is one of the health care industry's most prestigious honors. Unlike some of the other health care awards out there, Leapfrog is based entirely on an independent, scientific review of objective data. The data proves we are a top performer," Stephanie Wagoner, WHS's manager of marketing and community relations, says.

"We feel that awards like this prove that we have a strong, independent health system here in the county, ready to serve this community. Even through COVID, our focus has never changed or waived. We are still focused on making sure our patients get the best care possible."

For more than two decades, independent national watchdog organization The Leapfrog Group has been a driving movement for improvement in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and

ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

The Leapfrog Group assigns an A, B, C, D, or F grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents, and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medi-

cal errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

"An 'A' Safety Grade is a tremendous achievement, of which this community should be extremely proud," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I thank the leadership and workforce of WHS Washington Hospital and WHS Greene for its commitment to pri-

oritizing patients and their safety, especially during these trying times."

FMI about The Leapfrog Group or to see WHS's full grade details visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](https://HospitalSafetyGrade.org) and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook. FMI on Washington Health System's hospitals and services, visit [www.whs.org](https://www.whs.org).



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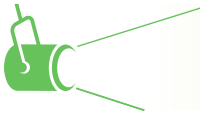
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## PA Cyber Charter School

Parents in Pennsylvania have the power to choose the best school for their children. They know them the best—their interests, hobbies, quirks, and dreams. It is important to make the most informed choice possible because a child's future depends on it.

The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School welcomes students of all types to join their proud community. Just like all public schools in the state, PA Cyber meets the curriculum requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and is accredited by the prestigious Middle States Association.

Founded in 2000, PA Cyber is headquartered in Midland, PA, and maintains nine regional offices throughout the state. These locations serve as hubs for enrollment, orientation and year-round social and school-related activities. PA Cyber students receive one-on-one attention from both their teachers and advisors who are readily available to help make each student's learning experience great.

"PA Cyber's online learning environments, personalized instructional methods and choices of curricula connect more than 11,000 Pennsylvania students and their families with highly qualified, state-certified teachers," Chief Executive Officer Brian Hayden said. "Featuring rich academic content, PA Cyber stands proud of the quality educational opportunities provided to our growing and diverse student population."

Extensive course offerings allow students to grow from a solid foundation in core curriculum while unlocking their own personal interests through electives. Students may choose from more than 70 clubs and workshops where they are encouraged to interact and explore various skill sets.

Quarantine-related consequences continue to have profound impacts on traditional brick-and-mortar schools. The shift to online learning can be difficult for everyone involved. However, for several reasons, students tend to thrive in PA Cyber's charter school setting.

Similar to traditional public schools, parental support and family involvement remain necessary for any student's academic success. Coupled with engaging teachers and support staff, PA Cyber's innovative learning model allows faculty members to use a variety of strategies and robust, evolving curricula to create an individualized education program designed to enrich the online learning experience.

"Our regional offices present family and student-centered activities and programs designed to enrich, enhance and extend the learning experience," says Hayden.

Activities include:

Orientation sessions designed to give students and parents the information, training and support they need for a strong and successful start at PA Cyber. Students and families can schedule an on-site orientation session at any of PA Cyber's regional office locations by contacting their academic adviser.

Academic enrichment throughout the school year, including guidance workshops, career exploration opportunities, STEM programs, book fairs, as well as ArtReach, which is a joint project with the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center. ArtReach presents classes and other experiences such as music, theater, dance, creative writing, and visual arts.

Lastly, social activities that depend upon both personal and civic engagement. PA Cyber students and families are part of a true community of learning and are invited to participate in a variety of activities intended to forge local, regional and

even statewide connections. These include field trips, movie days, arts and crafts, board games, seasonal parties, open houses and more.

PA Cyber is open enrollment to any school-age child residing in Pennsylvania and does not charge families tuition. Every student receives a laptop, printer, and all the necessary textbooks and support materials to enrich the educational process.

PA Cyber Polytechnic is yet another unique educational offering from the online school.

PA Cyber Polytechnic provides STEM enrichment opportunities with a focus on engineering. Students can learn to solve everyday problems through the lens of an engineer. They have opportunities for hands-on and project-based learning where participating students can create, collaborate and become community oriented.

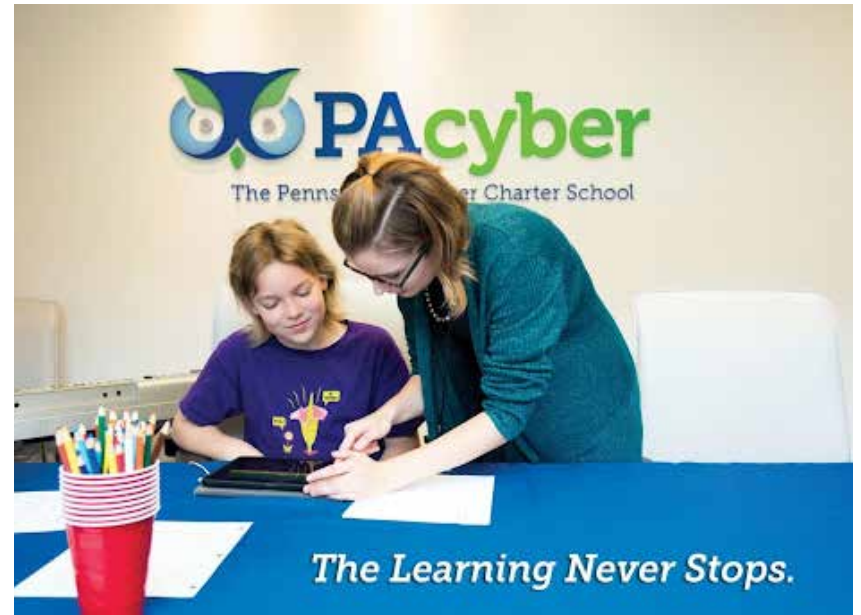
The school partners with organizations, such as Protohaven Makerspace and The STEAM Studio, to provide students with in-person and virtual workshops. Some of the projects that students have created include catapults, spin art machines, bike racks and mini food pantries. Many student-built projects are donated to support local Pennsylvania communities.

"PA Cyber Polytechnic has offered my sons opportunities to meet students from across the state, develop real-world skills and create something unique," PA Cyber parent Jenn Binus said. "These programs promote caring about the community, which is critical."

With the start of the 2021–2022 school year, PA Cyber introduced its Polytechnic Mobile Lab, bringing hands-on STEM experiences to more students statewide. The full-sized van comes equipped with 3D printers, laser and vinyl cutters, a ShopBot, laptops and more tools for students to take their ideas from conception to fabrication. Programming is tailored to all age groups, ranging from elementary through high school. A second mobile lab will hit the streets in 2022.

Another keystone of PA Cyber Polytechnic is an eight-day virtual summer camp for high school students at which experts from more than a dozen universities and colleges explain the multitude of engineering career paths. The school partners with Carnegie Mellon University and Pennsylvania State University, to name a few.

"At the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, maker-thinking is in part a core aspect of the curriculum. The school



aims to inspire future engineers, scientists, and technologists because as we know, the learning never stops," Hayden said.

PA Cyber's Family Link program and Regional Offices host many polytechnic-themed enrichment activities for students and their families, both in person and virtually. Some examples include The NASA Moon and Mars Program, Physics Fun with Rockets, Tech Girlz Python Programming and STEAM Day at St. Francis University, plus many other enriching events throughout the year.

"PA Cyber has grown and matured with its students, becoming one of the largest, most experienced, and successful online public schools in the nation," says Hayden. "In fact, it could be the perfect environment for your children to blossom."

For more information, visit [pacyber.org](http://pacyber.org), [www.pacyber.org/polytechnic](http://www.pacyber.org/polytechnic) or (724) 643-1180.



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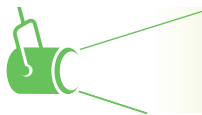


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## Morris Machinery

Morris Machinery, located in Ruff Creek, is a family owned and operated business. Established in 1998, Rick Morris started the company selling pre-owned tractors and implements with the help of his father, H.L. Since then, Morris Machinery has grown significantly. In addition to offering preowned tractors, new and used implements and hay equipment, they now carry two tractor lines – Branson and Zetor – boasting an impressive range of options from small utility tractors to heavy duty farm tractors and agricultural machines. They carry a full line of Gravely Zero-Turn and Walk-Behind mowers and JSV side by side vehicles. Their service department offers tractor parts and repairs on any make or model.

Despite their growth over the last two decades, Morris Machinery remains a family

affair. Rick's three children – Kelley, Samantha, and Ben – proudly continue to help on the family farm and at the family business. His sister, Rita, was an invaluable business manager. That position is now held by Christy Barto. The employees have become family.

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## The Nest & Rudy's Place

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Located at 84 Wayne Street, The Nest is the newly renovated, official on-campus store for Waynesburg University. It sells WU merchandise and gear along with handmade items to raise funds for various causes supported by campus organizations.

Rudy's Place fills the two stories above the Nest with the ideal hangout space featuring classic arcade games like bubble hockey, two foosball tables, video games, pop-a-shot, a dart board, wall-sized scrabble board, lots of board games, and three state-of-the-art pinball machines. Named after Waynesburg basketball coaching legend Rudy Marisa, this two-level arcade space was funded by 1974 alumnus Dennis Ellis as a way to honor Marisa for his guidance and mentorship on and off the court.

The Nest and Rudy's Place are not ex-

clusively for WU students and alumni. It is also a fun party location for all. Two comfy couches along with two flat-screen TVs are also in the space for anyone to come watch a game or show with friends. It is open Monday through Friday from nine to five for a visit. If interested in booking the perfect space for your next birthday party or get-together or to find more information, call 724-998-0243.



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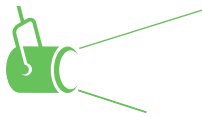
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## Pento HomeCare Agency

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The Pento Homecare Agency has been providing the elderly and individuals with disabilities in both Fayette and Greene counties with home health aides for over ten years. Based in Uniontown, PA, this BBB A+ Rated homecare company is owned and operated by founder Jesse Pento. Pento and his company came from humble beginnings, having turned what was once a side job of caring for his close friend's disabled uncle into a growing home healthcare business. The agency now employs more than 200 people, making it an important figure in the Fayette County community and its economy.

Although it originated in Fayette County, this agency has been serving Greene County residents for many years. Sandy Prosperity-Magic has been a loyal patient of the Pento Homecare Agency since 2010 and has

been pleased with the company's home health services from day one. As an individual with physical disabilities, this Clarksville resident relies on the homecare agency to provide her with daily services that she cannot perform due to her health issues. Her personally selected home aide helps her with housekeeping, meal preparation, personal hygiene, health and medication checkups, errands, and even transportation to doctor's appointments.

Having once worked as a home health aide herself, Prosperity-Magic truly believes that Pento's kind-hearted nature and his compassion for his patients is what truly sets his agency apart from other in-home healthcare companies. "Jesse truly cares about his patients," she says. "Other agencies usually have some sort of middleman between the patient and their caretakers and are just generally impersonal. Jesse on the other hand works hard to make sure every one of his clients are taken care of. He even sends me birthday cards and Christmas presents, just to show his appreciation."

Pento has high hopes for the future of his company, especially since the ongoing pandemic has increased the need for home



health aides across the country. Last year, Pento invested in a brand-new office for his agency, and now he hopes to raise awareness of home-based healthcare for all individuals who need his services, those with low or fixed incomes, those who live in more rural areas, and even young disabled people trying to live independent lives. Most of all, Pento is proud to keep the southwestern PA region happy,

healthy, and with their families. "For some, healthcare is just a job, but to me and my staff, our patients are part of our family," Jesse says. "I will always ensure that the people we serve will have the proper care they need and a company they can truly rely on, no matter what."

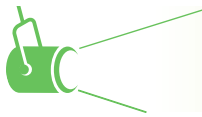


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## First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County

### First Federal of Greene County makes corporate title changes, crosses \$1 billion line in assets

During its annual meeting of members Jan. 26, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County announced a title change for one corporate officer and the addition of a new corporate officer.

The Association's Board of Directors approved the corporate officer title change of Danielle R. Tobusto to Assistant Vice President. The Board also named Aimee D. Toothman to its slate of officers as Assistant Treasurer.

Toothman joined First Federal of Greene County in 1993 as a receptionist for the Association's West Virginia subsidiary, First Greene Service Corporation. During the 1990s, Toothman became a loan processor, loan closing officer and then loan officer, a position she has held for more than 20 years. She is also the office manager of the subsidiary, which was renamed First Greene Mortgage in 2021. A graduate of Fairmont State University, Toothman and her husband live in Marion County, W.Va., and have three sons.

Also during its annual meeting, the Association announced it had crossed the \$1 billion line in assets, a first for the nearly 98-year-old institution.

The Association ended the year 2021 with \$1.042 billion in assets.

"We are excited and proud of our success and growth, and acknowledge that many people and much effort went into reaching this momentous asset threshold," said Charles W. Trump, Jr., President/CEO of First Federal of Greene County.

Other financial highlights of 2021 included a \$46 million increase in deposits to end the year at \$893 million. Loans closed for 2021 equaled \$113 million, ending the year with a total of \$633 million in mortgage loans on the books.

"We remain humbled and grateful for the loyalty of our customers, for without their business and trust, our efforts and offerings would be without meaning or success," Trump said.

The financial accomplishments continued against the backdrop of another year of the global COVID-19 pandemic and national record-low interest rates and skyrocketing consumer goods costs.

On a more local scale, the Association's nine offices faced challenges related to business operations and staffing, and Trump praised the perseverance of First Federal employees in rising to meet these challenges.

"Each of our offices faced unique circumstances that caused concern, stress and frustration," Trump noted in his President's Report. "These situations and emotions were not overlooked. The service delivery to our customers always received top priority, and our employees endeavored to persevere."

Trump also thanked the Association's Directors for their full commitment to supporting the First Federal work family through difficult times, acknowledging employee dedication and efforts and maintaining a safe work environment for all.

Trump serves on First Federal's 8-person Board of Directors alongside Chairman John E. Mariner,

Gregory A. Parsons, Jay S. Hammers, Murray W. Hoy, Judi Goodwin Tanner, Stephen M. Neubauer and Douglas A. Wilson. During the annual meeting, Parsons, Hammers and Tanner were re-elected to 3-year terms on the Board. Henry T. Cochran and Scott S. O'Neil serve as Directors Emeritus.

Also during the Association's annual meeting, Trump was re-elected President/CEO, and the following Association officers were once again elected: Chad M. Moore, Executive Vice President; Jeffrey B. Widdup, Vice President; Courtney A. Schroyer, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer; Kathleen M. Toth, Vice President/Secretary; Terry L. Clutter, Vice President/Treasurer; and Sarah A. Westfall, Assistant Secretary.

In 2021, two corporate officers – Vice President Cynthia A. Crouse and Vice President and Uniontown Branch Manager Barbara L. Galica – both retired after a combined more than 70 years of service to First Federal.

"Our mantra 'The People You Know, The People You Can Trust,' is enriched and bolstered by the commitment, trust and hard work as exhibited by both Cindy and Barb," Trump noted. "The Association is grateful for their effort and reliability, and just as important, we are confident in the skills, talents and competencies of their successors."

Due to its enduring stability, First Federal of Greene County was once again awarded the prestigious Bauer Financial "5-Star Rating." This superior rating has been awarded to the Association for the past 134 quarters, or more than 33 years. The rating is based on the Association's capital level, asset quality, historical trends and loan delinquencies, among other factors.

"Considering the progress, success and favorable levels of capital, the Association is excited to continue its traditions of service, generosity and trust as we near our 100th year anniversary," Trump stated. "Many thanks to the employees, officers and directors for the teamwork and endurance in this incredible year."

Referencing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., quote about light driving out darkness and love driving out hate, Trump remarked in closing that "one of the richest blessings of our Association is its people. I know that their light will continue to shine in the coming year, and beyond. I pray that 2022 brings continued success, growth and health as we reflect on everything and every reason to be grateful. Together, we can."

Since 1924, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County has served the residents of Southwestern Pennsylvania through a combination of traditional deposit and loan products and evolving technological convenience. From checking and savings accounts to mortgage and home equity loans, from online bill pay to mobile banking, First Federal of Greene County offers a variety of services to its customers, all while remaining committed to being "The People You Know, The People You Can Trust." Based in Waynesburg, Pa., First Federal of Greene County maintains eight offices in Greene, Fayette and Washington counties in Pennsylvania, and a loan origination subsidiary, First Greene Mortgage, in Morgantown, W.Va. For more information, visit [www.firstfederalofgreene.com](http://www.firstfederalofgreene.com).



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## Greene County Chamber of Commerce

Whether its support for your business, staff educational needs, or promotion of your company and services, the Greene County Chamber of Commerce is here to help you do business better. With a full complement of member benefits, from health and commercial insurance offerings for members only, to free curbside notary services, chamber membership is necessary for your business tool kit.

In 2020, during the pandemic, the chamber dedicated itself to lending support to help businesses deal with closures, financial strains, and more. In 2021 they continued to provide support as businesses are navigating unfamiliar territory in operations, supply chain and staffing challenges. The weekly eBlast, monthly eNewsletter, Facebook pages and additional social media activity connects businesses to the programs, opportunities, and ideas to help member businesses rebuild and pivot during unprecedented times.

You may be aware of the chamber through its community outreach programs such as the annual Waynesburg Christmas Parade, the Distinguished Service Awards for outstanding service for the betterment of the county and its Educational Fund Scholarships. All these programs have been key in giving back to the community for decades. The parade celebrated its 83rd year and the Distinguished Service award saw its 33rd year in 2021 and this May will mark the 32nd annual \$1500 educational scholarship awarded to a Greene County student.

These community service projects are organized on behalf of the member businesses by the chamber.

Dating back to 1901 and previously known as the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the name changed in 2017 better represents the service area. In 2018, the chamber received a five-year, Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals Accreditation - the first and only chamber in the state to receive it at that time.

The chamber office, located at 3157 Mt. Morris Road in Waynesburg, is now open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 2 pm and Monday and Friday by appointment. The staff is ready to serve you and your business. If you are not already a member, now is the time to join the 342 local businesses who utilize the member benefits and services that comes with membership. FMI on the chamber, email [info@greenechamber.org](mailto:info@greenechamber.org), call 724-627-5926, visit [greenechamber.org](http://greenechamber.org) or find them on Facebook @greenecountypachamber and @greenecountychamberbusinessupdates.



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Calling on his years of experience in the field, Richard Clites partnered with longtime friend Todd Perry to open Stairlift Pros, LLC in 2021. Stairlift Pros, LLC installs straight or curved stairlifts, both inside and out of the home.

The family-owned and operated local business situated in Dilliner was started with one mission in mind: to help others. "We started this business to have an opportunity to help people," says Richard. "Both my partner and I enjoy helping people."

"If someone needs something, we don't hesitate to help them," Todd says.

The partners make their customer's experience their number one priority. They pride themselves on quick communications and service. "We've had people that have called us in the morning, and we've installed them by that afternoon," Richard says. "If we can, we'll go out the same day to service units."

Todd adds, "When you call us, we get back to you. We won't make you wait a month to get back to you. We call everybody back."

The business takes satisfaction in the quality products they sell. Bruno is a USA-based, veteran founded manufacturer that

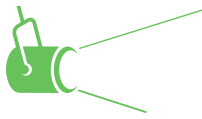
provides stair lifts and other mobility products. "We offer a great product that's made right here in the United States," Richard says. "They have the best warranty in the business."

Since their first order, new clients keep calling after learning about Richard and Todd's dedication and customer service. "We just want to keep growing and doing what is right for the customer. Without the customers, we're nothing," Richard says.

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## Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center

One of rural Appalachia's greatest traditions is a father teaching his child to fish for the first time. From the child's small starter pole colored with cartoon characters, to Dad teaching him how to bait his hook, all the way to reeling in that first little bluegill they caught all by themselves, a father-son fishing trip is one of the most memorable bonding experiences a child has with their paternal parent. For many Fayette and Greene County anglers, this first fishing trip usually starts at one of Fayette County's greatest fishing spots: Dunlap Creek Lake.

Although the lake itself is official public property of Fayette County, the Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center is owned and operated by the Pento family of Uniontown, PA. This long-standing bait and tackle shop has been around since the lake was first developed clear back in the 1970s, and although the Pentos are not the original owners, they have dedicated their time to upkeeping the shop and modernizing it to have a place in the present day. In fact, this year was the first year that the outdoor center had been open year-round, selling equipment for ice-fishing once the lake officially froze back in January.

Having acquired the shop and its sur-

rounding property in 2017, the Pento family has been selling an assortment of essential fishing equipment, refreshments, and live bait. They also offer boat rentals, including kayaks and pontoons, for more experienced anglers looking to get on the water itself. If you would rather buy the boat itself, the shop can help you become a boat owner too. As of late 2020, the Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center is Fayette County's newest NuCanoe dealer, which is an American made brand of high-tech kayaks built for even the most rugged outdoorsman.

The Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center also works in partnership with the Dunlap Creek Lake Co-op Stocking Committee to make sure there are enough fish in the lake to go around all-year long. Both groups raise funds throughout the year to ensure a variety of freshwater



species is abundant throughout the lake, including trout, bass, crappie, catfish, and carp. Last fall, the two organizations, along with the local government and the PA Fish and Boat Commission, dredged, restored, and restocked the lake's children's trout pond. The newly restored children's pond is exclu-

sive to first-time and youth anglers under the age of 15 during opening season, almost guaranteeing them the chance of catching their very own trout.

Bob Pento, one of the primary owners of the Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center, feels that running the shop and maintaining the lake is his main way of giving back to the community in which he was raised. "Originally, my wife and I bought the shop and house on the property as part of my retirement present, but now, it's become a seven day a week commitment," he says. "But I don't mind.

I love seeing the kids enjoy themselves on the lake and seeing how excited they get when they catch even a small fish. Watching the kids and their parents fishing together is what makes running this place worth it."

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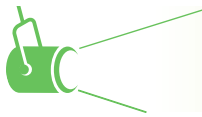
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# WVU Eye Institute providing care at Waynesburg clinic

One of the newest offerings at the WVU Medicine Waynesburg clinic provides a critical service in the care of one of our most vital senses: vision. The WVU Eye Institute offers access to specialty eye care close to home where it's needed most.

"It's a privilege to be able to provide eye care here in Waynesburg," Jordan Gjolberg, D.O., WVU Eye Institute optometrist, said. "In the past, patients have had to travel to Morgantown to receive care for advanced eye conditions, but now we are able to provide that care in their community. Whether it is diagnostic or follow-up care, patients always have a better outcome when they have better access to the services they need."

The clinic treats patients ages 6 and older for annual eye exams and ocular diseases, such as macular degeneration and glaucoma, in addition to urgent and emergent conditions, such as corneal abrasions, eye infections, severe dryness, and allergies.

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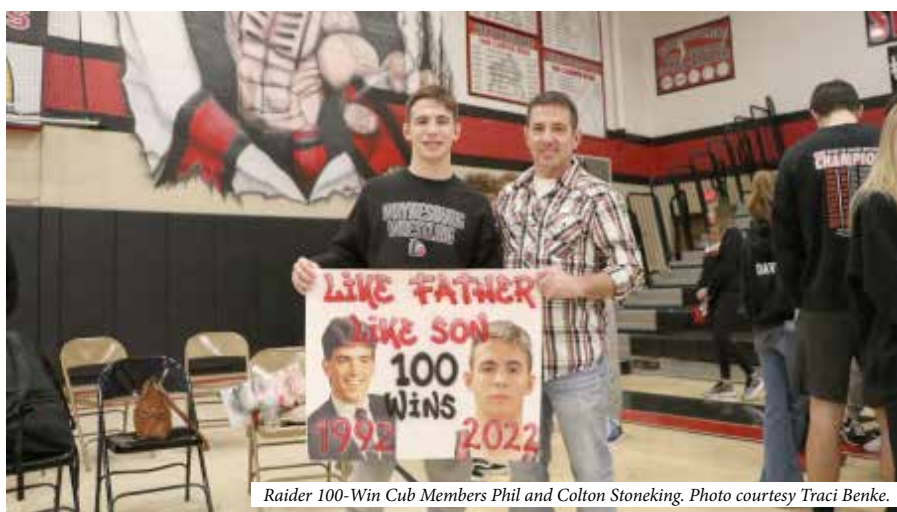
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## Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

### Like Father, Like Son



Raider 100-Win Cub Members Phil and Colton Stoneking. Photo courtesy Traci Benke.

One of the things that jumped out at me when I was writing my book on the history of sports in Greene County was the constancy of surnames in a given area. Athletic lineages such as the McCombs family of Carmichaels spanned generations of local lore. These roots provide our area with a sense of stability and cultural cohesion. I started thinking about great athletic accomplishments by our athletes and their offspring. Because these family athletic ties are far too numerous to chronicle here, this column will focus on specific parallel accomplishments by father and son (and mother and son).

Last month Waynesburg Central wrestler Colton Stoneking joined his father Phil in the Raiders' 100-Win Club. They are the first father and son duo to accomplish the feat. Although, Jimmy and Trey Howard reached those milestones for Jefferson and Waynesburg, respectively. The club would undoubtedly have been a little larger if the greats of

yesteryear had wrestled the same number of matches they do today. Before the 1990s, wrestlers would only have 15-20 matches a year. Undefeated four-time state champion Jim Conklin won only 70 career matches.

On the mat, great Raider father/son duos included WPIAL Champions Bucky (1940) and Dale Murdock (1965 & 1966), Paul (1941) and Bill Brunofsky (1967), and Joe (1979 and 1980) and Mark Throckmorton (2004). In addition, Brandon (1994) and Gavin (2015-18) Teasdale were both WPIAL champs for Jefferson-Morgan. Duane Makel won his title for Jefferson in 1958 and his sons Travis (1993-95) and Jason (1993) made it a family trio. Although the legendary Buzz Walters did not win a WPIAL individual title, he was a standout at Mapletown and conference champion at Waynesburg College before coaching his squad to a WPIAL team championship at West Greene. His son Rikk was a two-time WPIAL champ for the Pioneers in 1983 and 1984.

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On the gridiron, Jim Fritz and Jeff Cree were teammates on Waynesburg's undefeated 1966 football team and their sons Lee and Brice were stars on the next undefeated Raider team in 1998. Another member of that team was Lanfer Simpson, who was also the PIAA silver medalist in the shot put. His mother Clarketta Orndoff also won the state shot put silver medal her senior year.

Jefferson-Morgan's Dennis Garrett (1975) and his son D.L. (2018) are the only County father/son duo to score 1,000 career points on the hardwood. West Greene had two father/son combinations claim WPIAL titles on the track. In 1959, Ray King was

part of the WPIAL record-setting 880 relay team. His son Ron won the WPIAL Mile title in 1977. In 1964 and 1965 Doug Crouse won both the WPIAL and PIAA Mile titles and set the state record in the process. His son Ryan also won back-to-back WPIAL 3,200 Meter titles in 1989 and 1990. Finally, Joe Conklin and Craig Conklin each claimed multiple club championships at the Greene County Country Club and Rohanna's Golf Course.

Now that Title IX has been around for two generations, we can no doubt expect to see mother/daughter champions in the near future. **Correction: Duane Makel won his WPIAL title at Waynesburg.**





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# CARMICHAELS AREA



## CARMICHAELS CHRONICLES

**T**erry Jackson graduated from Carmichaels in 1966 and was pursued by several schools, including Navy, Air Force and Penn. However, he ended up at Yale and was part of a football resurgence for the Bulldogs, who posted a record of 23-3-1 during his playing days. He started at guard his junior and senior years, including the famous 29-29 tie with Harvard in

1968. The Crimson made a miraculous last-minute comeback, scoring 16 points in the final 42 seconds to tie the game. The significance of the moral victory inspired the *Harvard Crimson* newspaper to print the famous headline, "Harvard Beats Yale, 29-29." The tie left both teams 8-0-1. That headline was later used as the title for a 2008 documentary about the game. Jackson also played baseball at Yale.

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Drake Long is the son of Herbie and Michael Long of Carmichaels. He is a four-year letterman on the basketball team and was selected to the 2021 All County basketball-1st team. He is also a four-year letterman on the baseball team where he is a pitcher and shortstop. He was selected for the 2021 All-County Baseball-1st team and named the All-Area Small School Co- Player of the Year. He is also a member of the Spanish Club and National Honor Society with a current GPA of 4.125. He has been a volunteer at the Greene County Food Bank and for King Coal Youth Baseball as an Assistant Coach. Drake has committed to play baseball at West Virginia Wesleyan and will major in Business/Sports Management.

Megan Voithofer is the daughter of Kristen and Justin Voithofer, and sister to Avery and Parker. She is a sophomore member of the varsity girls' basketball and softball teams. In school, she is a member of the marching/concert band, National Junior Honor Society, Spanish club, and sophomore class planning committee. She is a member of St Hugh Catholic Church and is a volunteer at the Corner Cupboard Food Bank.

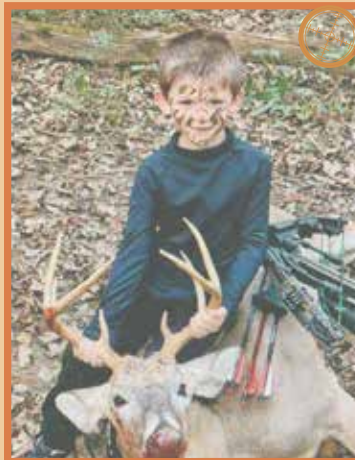


## GIRL OF THE MONTH



*Carmichaels' Christopher Barrish reached the 1000 point mark in January.*

# BRAG MAG CORRECTIONS



Kipton Myers

### 8 Point Buck

Kipton Myers, age 5, of Waynesburg shot this 8-point on opening day of archery season. This was his first buck, and he was hunting with his mom and dad. His grandma Brenda Ludrosky, submitted this photo, "We were all very proud of him!!" Congratulations, Kipton!



Gerald Bailey

### 11 Point Buck

Gerald M. Bailey of Jefferson shot this buck while hunting in Khedive in November. Great job, Gerald!



Tyler Scott

### First Buck

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# CENTRAL GREENE

## RAIDER RECALL

**W**PIAL girls' softball started in the area in the late 1970s. One of the first successful teams in the county was coach Bill Winters' "Hustle Machine" at Waynesburg Central. They won the section title in 1980 after going 14-1 in the regular season. The young women reached the WPIAL quarterfinals on the efforts of such players as Lori Widdup, Judi Walker, Robin Boyd, Pam

Berry, Judy Henderson, Lisa Waychoff, Angel Hollabaugh and Lori Trader. In the playoffs, they defeated Mt. Pleasant 13-5 before falling to Mt. Lebanon 8-4. Widdup was an outstanding pitcher, who lost only three games over two seasons. Her senior year, she threw a no-hitter against Fairchance-Georges. Interestingly, the newspaper accounts of the time referred to the team as the Sweat Wheats, just like the girls' basketball team.



## BOY OF THE MONTH

Mac Church is the son of Dr. Dan and Gina Church of Waynesburg. He is a junior and maintains a 4.0 GPA. He was a PIAA state wrestling champion last season and is ranked number one this year. He is also the number three ranked 132 pounder in the nation. His other accomplishments include being a two-time Iron Man and Powerade runner-up, as well as the 2019 Powerade champion. His career record is 105-10 to date. Mac is already committed to Virginia Tech to continue his career.

Kaley Rohanna is the daughter of Jeremy and Nikki Rohanna of Waynesburg. She plays soccer and basketball for the Raiders. She also plays AAU basketball for the Western PA Bruins. In school, she maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the drama club, Spanish club, and student council. Kaley is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and enjoys participating in the Crossroad Youth Ministries.



## GIRL OF THE MONTH



Juniors Mac Church and Rocco Welsh and senior Colton Stoneking all joined the exclusive Raider 100-Win Club last Month. They bring the total number of members in the club to 35. All three young men have been cornerstones of the team's recent success.

Trenton Zupper and the Raiders defeated Charleroi in a key section game played at the Waynesburg University gym. Photo by Traci Benke.

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# JEFFERSON MORGAN



## RETRO ROCKET

The second half of the 1980s was a great time for Rocket girls' basketball. In 1986, Angie Kelly became the first girl at Jefferson-Morgan to score over 1,000 career points. She finished with 1,047. Lisa Caputo became the program's career rebounding leader (636) that year. The team was coached Tim Jones and became the first County girls' team to qualify for the PIAA Tournament. Melissa Dawson joined the 1,000 Point Club in 1989, tallying 1,018. In 1988, Bridget Riecks set a new school career rebounding record (712).

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Tah' Jere Jacobs is the son of Letticia Torres of Jefferson Pa. The senior has been named All-County Basketball First Team three years in a row. He joined the Rockets 1,000-Point Club last year, despite missing significant time his sophomore year due to injury. Tahj loves to play basketball with his brothers and will continue playing at Carlow University in the fall.

Payton Farabee is the daughter of Michael and Heather Farabee of Jefferson, Pa. She is a junior and maintains a 4.3 weighted GPA. Payton is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, LEO club, Big Brothers Big Sisters and has a job at the Waynesburg Dairy Queen. She will be heading into her third year playing for the Rockets softball team. She also plays travel softball for Thunder fast pitch. She enjoys broadcasting games for her school sporting events and volunteering at the youth football games by helping in the concession stand.



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### GIRLS

#### Scoring (At least 10 PPG)

Taylor Dusenberry(M)	21.3
Anna Durbin (WG)	19.6
Kaley Rohanna (WC)	18.2
Brooke Barner (WG)	12.9
Krista Wilson (M)	12.4
Clara Paige Miller (WC)	10.9

#### Rebounds (At least 5 RPG)

Brooke Barner (WG)	9.7
Clara Paige Miller (WC)	8.0
Kasie Meek (WG)	6.8
Anna Durbin(WG)	6.8
Krista Wilson (M)	6.8
Kiley Meek (WG)	5.4
Taylor Dusenberry (M)	5.0

#### Assists (At Least 3 APG)

Anna Durbin (WG)	3.4
Kaley Rohanna (WC)	3.0

#### Steals (At least 2 SPG)

Anna Durbin (WG)	4.0
Taylor Dusenberry (M)	4.0
Katie Lampe (WG)	3.1
Kaley Rohanna (WC)	3.0
Clara Paige Miller (WC)	2.6
Brenna Benke (WC)	2.4
Brooke Barner (WG)	2.4
Taylor Dusenberry (M)	2.0

### BOYS

#### Scoring (At least 10 PPG)

Chris Barrish (Carm)	22.2
Tahj Jacobs (JM)	15.2
Chase Henkins (WC)	15.0
Mike Stewart (Carm)	13.3
Drake Long (Carm)	13.4
Colt Fowler (JM)	12.8
Jacob Mason (WC)	12.5
Troy Wright (JM)	12.1
Dawson Fowler (WC)	11.3
Ian Van Dyne (WG)	11.1
Tyler Richmond (Carm)	10.4

#### Rebounds (At least 5 RPG)

Jacob Mason (WC)	9.0
Hudson Pincavich (WG)	6.4
Casey Miller (WG)	6.3
D. Gustafson (WC)	6.0
Cory Wise (WG)	5.8
Ian VanDyne (WG)	5.0

#### Assists (At least 3 APG)

Chase Henkins (WC)	3.3
Trenton Zupper (WC)	3.0

#### Steals (At least 2 SPG)

Chase Henkins (WC)	2.0
Kaden Shields (WG)	2.0



# SOUTHEASTERN GREENE



## MAPLE MEMORIES

**R**onald Gregan led the county in scoring in 1960 basketball season with 334 points. He duplicated the feat the following season with 463 points. He also broke his brother's single game school record with a 42-point effort. The Leafs were again successful in 1964, when they went 14-7. That squad lost only one game in their new home gym. In 1969, John Billitz was named

Fourth- Team All-State for Class B after leading the county in scoring. He was also named Fourth-Team All-American by the United Press International. The team won the Section 19 title that year, losing only one game all season. Other key players were Buddy Quertinmont and Bob Clites. Their trip to Waynesburg resulted in 250 additional people standing in the 800-seat gym. A non-wrestling sellout of that nature was unheard of during that time.

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Brock is a freshman at Mapletown High School and is the son of Gary and Raquel Evans of Dilliner. He lettered in football this past season. He is also a wrestler for Waynesburg Central HS through a co-op program. A member of the National Honor Society, Brock maintains a 4.4 GPA in AP Honors Classes. He enjoys camping, fishing, golfing, and hunting with his family and friends on his down time. He plans to attend college after graduation.

Freshman Isabella Garnek is the daughter of Bo and Jessica Garnek of Bobtown. She is on the volleyball team and is a starter on the Lady Maples basketball team. She also plans to play softball this spring. In addition to maintaining a 4.714 GPA, she is a member of the Student Council. In her free time, Isabella enjoys hunting, fishing, baking and traveling. She attends St. Matthias Parish, where she is a server and member of the youth group.



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# WEST GREENE



## PIONEER PAST

Coach Buzz Walters' wrestling teams of the 1980s produced outstanding individual and team efforts. In 1982-83, the team went 10-5 and made the team tournament. Rikk Walters (145) and Arleigh Closser (167) both won WPIAL titles. Walters claimed a second title at 155 pounds the following

year. The '84-85 team went 9-5 (7-2) and also qualified for the team tournament. That year, Kevin Huff placed sixth at the PIAA Tournament. The '85-86 team was 12-5 (7-2) and reached the WPIAL semi-finals. In 1988, Jeff Hamilton was the WPIAL champion at 155 pounds and West Greene's first PIAA runner-up. To end the decade, the 1988-89 team finished 8-4 and reached the team playoffs.

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Lane Allison is the son of Jeremiah and Chrystal Allison of New Freeport. The freshman competes in football, basketball and baseball for the Pioneers. In school, Lane is a member of the Peer Mentoring program and the West Greene FFA. This year, his contribution on the hardwood as guard on the boys' basketball team helped them clinch a playoff appearance.

Allexis "Alex" Berdine is the daughter of Hoyt and Stacy Berdine of New Freeport. The Pioneer sophomore competes in volleyball and rifle. She was the school's top shot at last year's WPIAL Individual Meet and hopes to achieve her goal of advancing to States this season. Alex is also the Class of 2024 treasurer and West Greene FFA Reporter. She is also a member of the science club, peer mentoring program, and the National Honor Society.



## GIRL OF THE MONTH



West Greene's Anna Durbin joined the Pioneers 1,000 - Point Club during a victory over Jefferson-Morgan last month.



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## JACKET JOURNALS

Lorraine Cassidy's volleyball teams became dominant in the 1980s. The Jackets won the NAIA District 18 Championship in 1980,'81,'82,'85,'88 and '89.

The 1981 team finished 17-4 and beat Cal State, Duquesne and Robert Morris on their way to the conference title. They reached the national semi-finals before falling to Southern Utah. The following year, they finished 27-6 and again reached the national semi-finals before losing to Missouri Western. At the '83 national tournament, they were eliminated by the University of Hawaii

and the University of Wisconsin.

In 1984, Ray Natili, Sr. took over the program and finished 21-7. The '85 team had an incredible 37-3 record but was upset by Alderson Broaddus in the District 18 finals. The following year, the team was 32-6. The '88 and '89 teams also qualified for the National Tournament in Topeka, Kansas after winning the Bi-District 13 playoffs. Those teams were 44-10 and 51-14, respectively. Tammy Thomas and Terrilea Stemmler were named to the NAIA All-East Regional Team in 1989. Stemmler also received All-American Honorable Mention.



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## Kydex, Skinny People, and Other Topics of Annoyance

This month, I'm pretending to be a gun writer. I'd like to start my column with an old axiom. All guns should be constructed of blued steel and walnut. Now that I have your attention and your blood pressure is spiking at 140 over 95, I was just kidding. That is one opinion, and you know what they say about opinions. They're like noses and earlobes; everybody has one or two. In these times of political polarization, it has become increasingly difficult to agree to disagree. We'll just have to respect each other's opinions. I really do believe that plastic guns have no soul. I wouldn't give a dime for most plastic, carbon fiber, kevlar rifle stocks. Oh, there are some exceptions but as a rule, I am smitten over rifles with a deep blue coloring and maybe just a hint of wear in the handling areas. It sort of tells the tale of where the gun has traveled. Wooden stocks with a subtle gloss are aesthetically more pleasing to my eye. Add a rosewood cap and a white spacer to a fast-handling little carbine and I begin to fall in love like a seventeen-year-old in springtime.

As for pistols, the same holds true. Glocks, Sigs, Springfields, and the rest of the plastic genre are okay for practical purposes. There's just no romance in them.

Which brings us to holsters. So, what am I going to house my new concealed carry purchase in? We could spend the rest of the day debating which holster to purchase: inside the waistband (IWB), outside the waistband (OWB), leg holster, ankle holster, small of the back, cross draw, etc. Full disclosure, I own an elastic belly band holster and wear it more than I ever thought I might. I don't often give my opinion on matters of this sort but this month, I'm going to make an exception. The answer is leather! There, I said it. I am old. I like a quality leather holster in light brown russet color with white double stitching all about the holster. I think it should be paired with a matching magazine carrier of the same designation and a stiff belt to match. It's alright if you disagree; this is America, and you are entitled to be wrong. We can still be friends, albeit, from across the aisle.

Now that I have offended your sensibilities, the question remains, "Is there a place for the soulless, kydex holster?" Absolutely. I wear leather when I can. I wear ky-

dex when I must. In law enforcement - kydex. On the range - kydex, again. Plans for riding the four-wheeler on rough terrain? Go with kydex. Kydex offers positive retention and emits an audible click that lets you know your firearm is secure. Reholstering is much easier in kydex. Kydex is practical.

At the end of the day, when it all comes out in the wash, it is a matter of comfort, ease of use and personal preference. I like leather holsters because they are buttery soft, flexible and smell good. Once leather heats up to body temperature, it's like an old friend, becoming part of you. It moves with you in ways that plastic cannot. Sure there are young, probably thin, possibly good looking people out there that can jam a hard chunk of plastic down their pants and then brag that they have room to operate comfortably. I am not one of them. I probably wouldn't like their kind, anyway, because as I stated previously, they are younger, thinner, and better looking. They also drive nicer trucks and probably have more money in their bank accounts than me. My 38" waist—yes, I know it's closer to 40" these days, but humor me—does not allow for the inflexibility of kydex when I have the answer right here on my hip.

The answer is leather. Unless, of course, you like kydex better. Or possibly a friction holster, or maybe a fanny pack (ugh!)



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## GCIDA

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In the fall of 2021, the GCIDA applied for funding through the US EPA Brownfields Program for assessing brownfields and a site-specific clean-up grant for the rail ties in Mather, both in the amount of \$500,000. If funds are awarded GCIDA can continue the successful assessment and reclamation of brownfield sites across the county.

Grant funding can be used to identify sites, conduct environmental assessment, and in some cases reclaim a site. Utilizing previous US EPA Brownfields Grant funding the GCIDA identified over 30 potential brownfield sites,

completed assessment activities on seven and cleared much of the Mather site for reuse.

By initiating the first steps in reclaiming these sites and removing the burden on potential purchasers, the GCIDA is making these sites and the County more favorable for redevelopment, new industries and new jobs.

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