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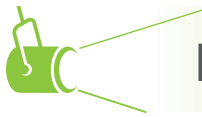
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I Love this Place — GREENE VOLUNTEERS

By Colleen Nelson

I love the wonderful things Greene County volunteers have been doing, even as the COVID-19 pandemic changes the way we live but not the things that need done. This month I'm giving a shout out to three groups of friends and neighbors who are volunteering to do the work that really counts – for seniors, for at-risk kids and even for the birds.

I'm a Meals on Wheels volunteer so I know that bringing nutritious daily meals to shut-ins can be a life saver. The hardy souls who keep the county's senior centers open to prepare and deliver fresh cooked and sometimes frozen meals deserve a big round of applause. Needs have increased dramatically during the shut down. "Last year we distributed 66,702 home delivered meals, an increase of 12,423 from last year," Blueprints director Stacy Stroman notes. There are now new delivery routes into 17 underserved areas of the county and a grab-n-go meal option for seniors while the centers remain closed. Since last March, 133 new clients have signed up for delivered meals. Seniors who once came to centers to eat, socialize, exercise and do fundraising projects to help cover operational costs are a lost asset. At Waynesburg Center, this is an economic blow because volunteer quilting projects, craft sales and big cash bash events are what help pay the rent. As relief funds dwindled, some creative volunteers stepped up their game at home and kept their handiwork coming to their center.

Thanks to some crafty ladies who love to make things, Waynesburg Center's "corner store by the front door" is open for business. Delivering meals three days a week (hint – we need more volunteer drivers! Call Blueprints!) has turned me into their best customer. My to-die-for repeat purchase is Bonnie Shough's awesome crocheted rugs, made from a rainbow palette of plastic shopping bags, which she folds, cuts then crochets into rectangles, circles and stars. I now walk on stars to get to the dishes in the sink!

The Center is open weekdays until early afternoon and has plenty of inventory on hand - Bonnie's rugs, full dress bunnies by Lee Dains and custom bears by Vicki Antill. There's also totes and bowl cozies, picnic kits, smart phone pillows, cute critters, quilts, wall hangings and more. Call 724-627-6366 to make an appointment, then mask up and pop in to pick out your new coolest thing. The prices are more than reasonable, so don't forget to tip your appreciation dollars to their cause.

Throughout this most unusual year, bird loving citizen scientists have been taking to the back roads and checking their feeders to gauge the health of the planet by the variety of avian species to be found. They turned out for the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count in December, then spent Valentine's Day weekend tracking the goings on at their birdfeeders for Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count. The Ralph K. Bell Bird Club is encouraging the next generation of citizen scientists with scholarships. Students are asked to submit essays on the winter birds of Greene County. This year there will be two scholarships offered for \$1000 and \$500. Details are posted on the club Facebook page and entries are due March 31.

When I first covered CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children – last June, as COVID had all schools teaching remotely, I was left feeling a little worried about the 120 some kids who were in the legal system. They are the county's most vulnerable cases and can be found in every

school district. When schools closed in March and CASA advocates and children could no longer meet face to face, director Aaron Houser went to work to fill the gaps in their lives that Zoom meetings and telephone calls could not quite fulfill. Now I'm back, eight months later to see how things are going.

Aaron's big smile tells me where there's a networking will there's a way. "By pooling resources and working together, the nonprofit and social services communities can move some pretty big mountains!" he is happy to report.

CASA's collaboration with nine other agencies and nonprofits, including Loved Again Charities of SWPA, Greene County United Way, Domestic Violence Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters, FFA, Safe Parenting, Salvation Army and First Assembly Church added up to some big services rendered to the at-risk kids needing advocacy. As winter and the holiday season arrived, this collaboration of agencies was able to work together to bring joy to 96 children on Light Up Night Waynesburg on December 6, with winter outfits, including coats, hats gloves and boots. Families did individual walkthroughs of CASA's spacious cluster of offices on Church Street to get their winter gear and enjoy hot chocolate to celebrate the season. Aaron tells me a random conversation last November about advocates giving books as Christmas presents to their appointed children turned into "a blessing as that individual offered to buy all of the CASA books as long as that individual remained anonymous."

The extra office space is slated to become a visitation area for CASA families, offering a comfortable place to talk as well as providing a neutral visitation site to the court across the street. One room will become a kid's corner with murals on the walls and games, books and other activities to engage them during court visits.

Another future plan is coming right up – CASA is offering its next volunteer training program starting April 7 and running for 4 weeks. Aaron tells me that 16 volunteer advocates were active in 2020, serving 38 children in 18 different cases. "My dream team is to have 25 to 30 volunteers which would allow us to serve half the dependency cases, the ones with the most need."

After being trained, advocates are assigned by the court to individual children to track the legal aspects of their case while offering that important one on one relationship – even if only on Zoom - with the child. They monitor health needs and meet with teachers, coaches and foster families to advocate in the child's best interests.

"I was familiar with the program when I worked for the *Observer-Reporter* in Washington. They have a strong program there. When I retired I knew I wanted to volunteer in my county," CASA's newest advocate Bridget Vilenica tells me when I call. "I always think positive and I believe in giving back to my community. I saw the class advertised on social media and called CASA."

Classes started in September and Bridget was sworn in



Vicki Antill, Lee Dains, director Tina Raber, and Bonnie Shough (sitting) show just some of the handicrafts for sale at Waynesburg Senior Center.



Some of the beautiful patterns Bonnie Shough creates for her crocheted recycled plastic rugs.

by president judge Louis Dayich on December 2, 2020. Now she has two children, a boy and a girl, and is doing telephone calls and Zoom with the boy and doing the research and visits involved for her newest case. "He calls whenever he needs to talk. We haven't met face to face yet, but we've Zoomed. I submit a report on every conversation so if I'm not available Aaron can step in. I feel comfortable because we have such a good team."

How does advocacy fit into a busy schedule that includes master gardening and serving on community boards? "It doesn't take much time – two or three hours a week at best. I'm not one to sit at home, you can ask my husband! I do Meals on Wheels on Friday at Jefferson and help with the Jefferson Food Pantry and am a nursery attendant at Jefferson Baptist church. I didn't have any formal training for this kind of work but if I can do it anyone can. All you need is a good heart."

SHINING THE LIGHT

By Colleen Nelson

I'm back in Mt. Morris, checking out a church I overlooked in 2017 when writing my first Shining the Light story about the town's old Episcopal Methodist Church. This frontier faith came with the first settlers in 1825 and is still happily active leading its charges today. But on School Road there is another brand of pioneering Protestantism that came as the twentieth century brought its own challenges and Pentecostals began reawakening people's need to know God for themselves once more.

My first clue came when my grandkids and their cousins - isolated from their classmates as the COVID-19 lockdown sent them home to study alone - found an outlet for their need to get together and be with friends at Mt. Morris Gospel Tabernacle Church.

Who could have guessed that when I looked into its genesis story in Mt. Morris I would find Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show too?

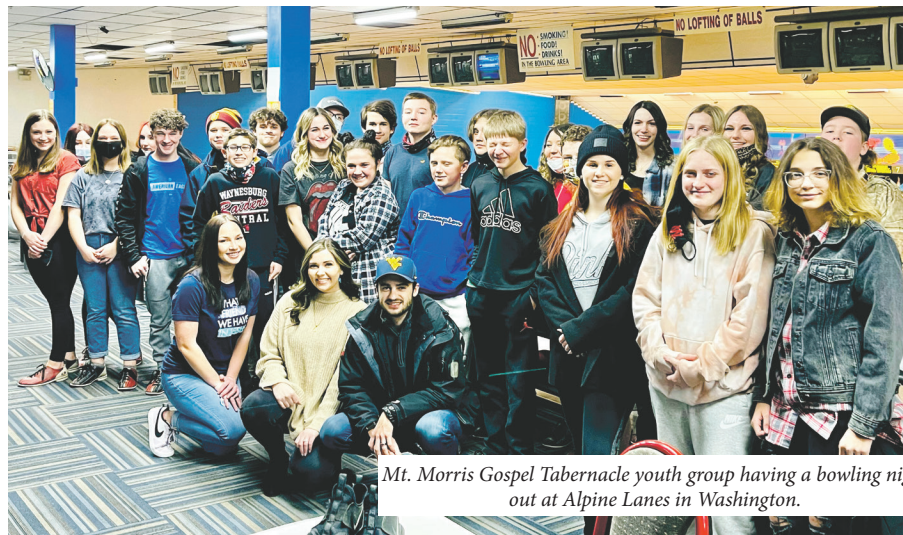
Pentecostals draw their strength from Peter - a disciple who thrice denied Jesus but found his connection to the Spirit when it came to him like a great wind. That same awakening began in America in the 1890s and became known as the Pentecostal movement. It is alive and well today as an Assemblies of God affiliate, coming to communities where it sees a spiritual need to be filled.

The man who brought the Gospel Tabernacle to Mt. Morris in 1928 lived quite an adventurous, sometimes dangerous life before his own encounter with that great wind Peter spoke of.

According to church historians Amy and Joyce Anderson and Phillip Doug, Walter C. Long was born in 1891 in Maryland and was raised without much formal religious guidance. His mom was Irish Catholic and his dad American Protestant, and they couldn't decide which formal religious path to take. Long went to work at age 15 as a laborer, then headed West to seek his fortune. He travelled for a time with the Wild West Show and met Anne Oakley - noting later she was one of the "finest shots in the West."

At some point along the road, Long took up the rough and tumble sport of boxing, then returned home to Maryland to compete in a sport that was dangerous, even for its day. While boarding at a "Methodist lady's house" Long found himself talking religion in the evenings with her invalid husband. When he was invited to church to hear a woman speak of her own healing, he challenged God to take him on, promised to put up a good fight and experienced his own moment of deliverance.

For the next seven years Long searched for



Mt. Morris Gospel Tabernacle youth group having a bowling night out at Alpine Lanes in Washington.

guidance and found a home for his spirit with the Pentecostals. There he met his wife Fannie, fathered eight children and "began a life of preaching and building churches from Maryland to West Virginia." After being invited to Mt. Morris to hold a revival in 1928 that was greeted with enthusiasm, he sent for his family and stayed to found the present church. It became known for its "great music flowing through the open doors that drew in the curious."

Pastor Long preached from 1929 - 1934 and returned to minister again until 1960.

His church continued to grow with the times, expanding its building and adding its first youth pastor in 1988.

I call the number my grandkid has in his phone and chat with youth pastor Christopher Zehner, who is happy to hear about the high marks the kids I know are giving his programming choices - especially the field trips.

Going bowling at Alpine Lanes in Washington really was a blast, he agrees, and he sends me a photo full of smiling faces. He tells me about the youth group services every Wednesday at 6 p.m., where those who come are given some kid friendly sermonizing - "We talk about faith, hope and peace" and a chance for fellowship, fun and games afterwards in a "healthy family atmosphere where they can be themselves and feel safe."

Pastor Chas knows the church pastor well - Pastor Bruce Craig is his father-in-law. He met Briana Craig at River University in Tampa Florida and once married, they joined Pastor Bruce in Mt. Morris to do youth ministry for kids age 13-17 and another for young adults.

"My grandpa was a preacher and I remember standing at the altar when I was five thinking I was up there preaching too," Pastor Chris admits.

Plans are being made for a Family Life Center across the street from the church that will have a gym, walking track and plenty of room for children to play, learn and grow. When finished, it will also be home for the Children's Church from nursery to age 12 with Pastor Amy Baker, who ministers to her young parishioners every Wednesday starting at 7 p.m. in the "old basement" of the church.

For now, the youth group meets every Wednesday in the "new basement" with pastors Chris and Briana.

And yes, there are more fieldtrips in the offing.

For more information about the youth group, call Pastor Chris - 813-278-3207 weekdays between 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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GreeneScene of the Past By Colleen Nelson

This old photo is a chance to revisit Christmas 1964 with Ralph Bell and his family. They sit in the living room in front of their tinsel tree, surrounded by presents - daughter Joanie, wife Mary and son David. If you look close, you'll see Ralph is - of course! - holding a bird book.

Most of us who knew Ralph remember a tall, spry older man who never looked or acted his age, with a genial smile and droll wit, leading bird walks around the county, or banding birds at Dolly Sods, WV during the fall migration season. Or riding in his 1948 Jeep, trucking across the fir-studded fields behind his barn to pick out the perfect Christmas tree.

Not too many people are still around to remember buying eggs from his family farm, or his graduation from Penn State University in 1938 with a BA in poultry husbandry. And now it's only family and friends who remember him saying he started counting birds at age twelve and remembered listening to famed local ornithologist Warren Jacobs holding court in the barbershop in the Fort Jackson Hotel as a wide-eyed youngster. Ralph would spend the next 87 years keeping meticulous notes of weather and the birds he identified as he grew up to be a college educated farmer slash citizen scientist on a mission to pay attention to the natural world and work to protect it, one banded bird at a time.

The 2013 Audubon Christmas Bird Count was the last one for Ralph and I was there, riding shotgun as he and others drove the roads around Clarksville. December 28, 2013 was cold and snowless and birders were at a visual disadvantage. But for Ralph's excellent ear, not to worry - he knew their every chirp.

"I'm color blind so I had to learn by sound," he explained. At age 98, he was in his truck and in his groove, driving back roads at a bird watcher's pace, windows down, doing citizen science for the world. There were birds to be seen and heard in thickets and back yards - nuthatches, junkets and crows, cardinals, blue jays, song sparrows and house sparrows, each with its own distinctive voice.

A pair of magpies appeared and Ralph was not surprised - he'd been counting magpies along this particular bend in the road for years. On other stretches he lamented the missing nesting boxes and feeders that used to be there, pointing out that bird populations hinge on access to food and shelter as humans displace their native habitat.

Audubon's winter bird count depends on thousands of volunteers like Ralph, braving all kinds of weather as they scour the Northern Hemisphere between Dec. 15 and Jan. 5 to

record the birds to be found within a 15-mile radius in 24 hours.

Greene County's two circles take in the diversity between the county's western hills and the eastern river habitats where an amazing variety of species are either hunkered down for winter or just passing through. This is a freeze-frame of where the birds are on a grand, planetary scale. Audubon has been taking these snapshots and analyzing the data ever since ornithologist Frank Chapman and 26 friends went out to count, rather than shoot birds for sport on Christmas Day in 1900. Ralph Bell, whose family farm straddles the postal line between Clarksville and Jefferson, was the originator of the county's first circle around his farm in 1958.

Going out by car or walking the field with someone who really knows their birds is a good way to get started at being a baby Ralph Bell. But learning to identify the birds that come to your feeder in your own backyard is a first step you can take yourself.

Go outside and listen. After hearing a bird call three or four times, it will be yours. Look, listen and learn.

My best memory of that Christmas Bird Count morning came when fellow birder Jamie Wolfe leaned from the back seat to explain that the new owner of one farm had taken down the row of bluebird boxes along her field because she said the birds were pooping on her car. "You should have told her to stop parking under trees," Bell retorted without missing a beat.

Ralph was out the next spring mowing his fields and was there to greet but not walk with his fellow birders for a count on May 17, 2014.

Ralph's obituary reports that on May 20 he told daughter Joanie he was tired, adding "I've had a wonderful life and



Colleen Nelson and Ralph Bell discuss the wildflowers and birds they have seen during the 2007 Spring Fling walking tour of Enlow Fork Valley in State Game Lands 302.

loved every minute of it." He died that day at age 99, leaving us this secret to living a long life: "Keep moving and never retire."

Visit www.audubon.org to learn how you can become a citizen scientist, just like Ralph. Go online and Google Ralph K. Bell Bird Club to find the many links to both Ralph's life and the clubs he was part of. You will meet the birders who knew Ralph and learned from him first hand and are more than willing to pass it on.



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Each member of the department works hard to ensure that services and supports are provided to meet the needs of consumers with intellectual disabilities in the least restrictive setting possible. Their goal is to see that each of the individuals they serve can develop into active members of the community and live a life of quality.

"The IDD program works very well in collaboration with other human services programs and outside agencies to provide a holistic approach to assist people in obtaining the supports and services they need," shares Deneen Shrader, the Intellectual &

Developmental Disabilities Program administrator. "We not only serve individuals who are directly eligible for our services, but we also work to connect their caregivers and families to supports and services that they may benefit from as well."

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Among the services they offer, the program oversees the funding streams that cover services to students with special needs following graduation, provide services to those with autism, and assist people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and autism to obtain employment supports and services in the community.

Individuals interested in services should contact the IDD Program at 724-852-5276 and ask to speak with Deneen Shrader to set up an initial intake. Individuals diagnosed with an intellectual disability, developmental disability, and/or autism may apply; other eligibility criteria will be determined upon intake.

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By Melody Eller

GRANDMA'S LAP

Washington County residents Laura and Samantha Zoeller share with us a heart-warming story about family, love and honor. "My mother fought Polycystic Kidney Disease for her entire adult life. She was diagnosed with terminal cancer in August 2013 and lost her battle with the disease not long after," Laura says. When Laura's mother passed on, her daughter Samantha wanted her senior project to honor the memory of her grandmother. "I remembered my grandma saying she was always cold during treatments," Samantha says, "and that led me to make and gather homemade lap blankets to distribute to kidney patients." Samantha shares, "It is my hope that, one blanket at a time, I can give someone else the comfort I always found on my grandma's lap." And so, the Grandma's Lap project began. What was meant to simply be a senior project was so successful that it has expanded into a nationwide project.

"We have a network of dozens of blanket makers who crochet, quilt, knit, and make no-sew fleece blankets specifically for this cause," Laura says. "We are in constant need of new blanket makers. Blanket making parties are excellent service projects and no-sew fleece blankets can be made pretty quickly. We've gone into special needs classrooms in both Washington and Greene counties where students have participated in making blankets as well. We also partner with assisted/independent living facilities to have blankets made during activity times." Samantha adds, "We are always looking for new clinics and other groups to work with. Gift cards to fabric/yarn stores, businesses that offer office supplies, and monetary donations to offset shipping costs are always greatly appreciated."

This all-volunteer organization, while not a 501(c)3, uses 100% of every donated dollar to make, package, and ship blankets all over the United States, shipping as far west as Missouri and as far south as Geor-

gia. "We wash, dry, and package every blanket with an informational card and a cutout heart that informs the recipient who made the blanket for them, and that it is in memory of Shelva Mitchell Mansberry, my mom," Laura adds. Since the program started seven years ago, nearly 4000 blankets have been donated. Mom and I could not have made this project go as far as it already has without the hard work and generosity of everyone who has donated to our cause."

"The most fulfilling thing about this program are the cards and letters we receive from patients who tell us that we brightened their day. The occasional photo of a patient or staff member that we receive is pretty cool, too," Laura says. Samantha adds, "Being able to spread some joy during a time of discomfort makes me feel like I'm continuing the joy and love my grandmother showed me while she was here with us."

"This has come so much further than I think either of us was expecting," says Samantha, "and I can't wait to see what the next seven years will hold."

If you would like to make a donation, or if you know someone who could benefit from a blanket, please contact Laura and Samantha at: (724) 228-5053, zoeller5@verizon.net, <http://zoeller5.wixsite.com/grandmaslap> or visit their FB page @lapblanket.



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STOP IN AND CHECK IT OUT

Leadership Program Helps Nonprofits Navigate the Pandemic

The Center for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR Center) at Waynesburg University and the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management (BCNM) at Robert Morris University announced “PREP: Partnerships, Resources, Expertise and Power for Nonprofits,” an executive leadership program aimed at helping nonprofits in Greene and Washington counties navigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

“From the early months of the pandemic, the Center has been actively engaged with its Advisory Board, exploring ways in which our community can collectively help local nonprofits survive this crisis,” said Stacey Brodak, vice president for Institutional Advancement and University Relations at Waynesburg University. “Our COVID-19 Impact Assessment led us to the creation of this program that will help nonprofits address the challenges they now face, including fundraising, partnerships and long-term sustainability.”

The CSR Center’s 2020 COVID-19 Impact Assessment found that approximately 60% of nonprofits that responded decreased their services since March 2020, and most needed help with strategic planning, specifically in the areas of fundraising and partnership development. Only half of the nonprofits

that responded indicated that they have connections to larger nonprofits.

Nonprofits will participate at no cost thanks to funding from CSR Center member companies EQT Corporation and Range Resources.

“This program is intended to not only educate nonprofit leadership personnel about partnership and fund development, but also provide meaningful, lasting relationships that will benefit their organizations for months, and hopefully, years to come,” added Brodak.

Session topics will include an overview of partnership and collaboration, development of personal leadership skills, building trust and communicating with stakeholders, understanding legal process and structure, developing a fundraising plan and producing effective presentations and social media strategies.

“It is a real pleasure to work with this exemplary group of leaders who have asked their local partners for direction on the most useful topics for study,” said Peggy Outon, director of the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management. “They have given BCNM the opportunity to bring research-based curriculum and local expertise to explore two key areas of nonprofit management as we all work

together to build healthier communities.”

The initial group is limited to 10 nonprofits that operate or offer services in Greene and/or Washington counties. Nonprofits of any size were able to apply, but had to be an incorporated, nonprofit entity with 501(c)(3) status, have a board of directors, in operation for at least 12 months and have an executive director or equivalent position. Applications were due at the end of January and successful applicants were notified in early February.

Flenniken Library in Carmichaels was one of the nonprofits accepted into the program. Nicole Mitchell, Flenniken’s director, shared, “I was very excited to apply and be accepted to the PREP workshop. It is my goal to move Flenniken Public Library forward into the 21st century.”

“We can only do that with focused leadership and strong community partnerships. I am hoping to obtain new insights, gain new partnerships and become the strong leader this library and community deserves. 2021



marks the 60th year for Flenniken Public Library and I would love to see it flourish in the future and become the community hub that it is meant to be. I feel my participation in this program will help me to make the connections and gain the understanding to drive the library forward,” she adds.

The program takes place over eight Friday morning sessions beginning Feb. 19 and ending April 16. Applications were reviewed by the CSR Center, BCNM and members of the CSR Center’s Advisory Board, Washington County Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Greene County. FMI, email csr@waynesburg.edu or visit waynesburg.edu/csr.

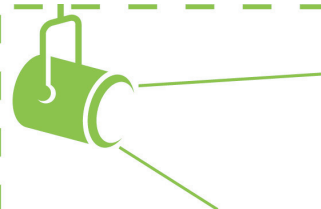
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TALKIN' GREENE



A few young fella's going a'huntin'.



Folk speech was created from a mix of languages as early settlers communicated with each other.

There's nothing better than sitting down and having conversations with our grandparents, great-grandparents and other family members to get a perspective on life back in the "good old days." The way of life was different then and people spoke even differently. Our accents and dialect here in Greene County have sometimes been a point of ridicule and confusing, but they are something we should celebrate as a long-standing part of our heritage.

Over the course of the last several decades, travel, television, and technological advances in communications have led to the diminishment and loss of our northern Appalachian accents.

When our earliest European ancestors first arrived in the lands beyond the Allegheny Mountains, they brought with them their culture, tools, foods, and everything else that made up their way of life including their language and dialect. English was the most common language spoken on the western frontier, now Greene County, but several early settlers spoke German and the occasional family spoke French. This mix of languages influenced how the early settlers spoke and communicated with one another; additional influences came from native languages, mostly from the Iroquoian, Siouan and Algonquian language families.

The "folk speech" that our ancestors used - that many of our parents and grandparents still use today - has often been classified as corrupted, archaic and improper forms of English that should be avoided. However, examples of this type of speech can be found in some of the greatest literary works of all time, in writings such as Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, the works of Shakespeare and even the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

Revolutionary War pension applications, court depositions and the rare instances of surviving diaries and journals illustrate this beautifully, and although language is constantly evolving, the geographical isolation experienced in this area and Appalachia as a whole has preserved these old-fashioned ways of speaking well into the modern era.

Many of us have heard, or perhaps used, the phrase, "He done me wrong!" This exclamation is often used to describe the actions of a friend or loved one who has treated us unfairly, cheated us, or well, done us wrong. It is something you commonly hear today and any English teacher reading this would insist that such a phrase is improper grammar. But this very phrase can be found in King Lear, and many other works

by William Shakespeare. Even the word "yonder" now largely absent from use in modern English was a common word used by the previous generations that can often be found in the writings of Shakespeare.

It has often been argued that the Appalachian dialect and our unique subset of "folk speech" is a proper variant of the English language and, like the Shakespearian and Elizabethan English it is often compared to, is a beautifully descriptive and eloquent language that is poetic in its own way.

The Civil War and Industrial Revolution brought with them their own changes to our way of speaking. Soldiers intermingling with men in their regiments from other parts of Pennsylvania and regions further away no doubt added words to their vocabulary that can trace their roots to other variants of the English language. But country folk in the rural areas still retained their traditional speech.

Greene County is at the very northern extent of the Appalachia and shows influence from more northern areas such as Pittsburgh. The word "yinz" is something most of us are familiar with, as well as the word "y'all", but Greene County has its own variant on the word that seems to be the product of a marriage between the two. "You'uns," is a drawn-out form of "yinz," that still captures the relaxed feel of the southern Appalachian word "y'all," that harkens back to another Appalachian word "Young'uns" a term with incredibly old roots that seem to be related to contractions used during the time of Shakespeare.

During my research, I conducted a poll and found that people in Greene County used a wide mix between the words "yinz," "y'all," and "you'uns," often using one or more in regular speech depending on various contexts or just plain old preference.

The "A" prefix also has its origins in Middle English, a predecessor to Elizabethan and Shakespearian English. Always used in words ending in "ing" (often abbreviated to "in") a phrase like "he was out a'huntin'" would have been commonplace several centuries ago, and still remains in use in different parts of this area, especially the more rural ones.

Like Manx, Gaelic, Welsh, and other Celtic Languages that were once common on the British Isles, our very own unique variant of the English language is very much on the decline. For an exceptionally long time, many have been made to feel ashamed of the way they speak and taught to learn a better form of English, but is it fair to eradicate the traditional way of speaking that has been used for centuries along the Monongahela River and the rolling hills surrounding it? Or is it better to preserve this age-old form of "folk speech" for future generations in the same way as the efforts in the British Isles to preserve the dying Celtic languages that were once commonly spoken in homes all across the islands?

The next time you're reading something written by William Shakespeare, consider it in less in the formal British accent often presented to us in today, and instead, read it like it was being spoken in the mountains of West Virginia or some old "holler" in the wilds of Greene County. You might even be a little closer to experiencing Shakespeare in the way he intended than you realize. And this older way of speaking may even take the intimidating language of Shakespeare and make it a more accessible and enjoyable.



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Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1912 CALENDAR

When an artifact can evoke memories, feelings, and experiences beyond its physicality, it is truly something special. Sometimes the most mundane items can transport us to a different time and place and help us to reimagine a whole new world.

Just the other day, we found this small calendar from 1912 while working in the museum. The calendar was meant to be pinned to a wall and features a photo of a very elegant looking – and unfortunately unidentified - Edwardian era lady. Artifacts like this can often be used to tell a bigger story.

Flipping through it, the first page that stuck out was for the month of April 1912. Imagine that someone may have been looking at that very page well over a century ago, thinking about the tragic loss of over 1500 lives when the Titanic sank in the early hours of the morning of April 15, 1912.

The year 1912 also brought the first prosecution for drunk driving. A government inspector responsible for inspecting

the Lippincott Distillery had been speeding along Ruff Creek Road near the Bethlehem Baptist Church and hit a team of horses owned by James Phillips.

The first official farmers market in Waynesburg was also established in 1912 on the newly paved Church Street. Farmers from all over the county came into town, lining their wagons along Church Street and selling produce. Initially the market was to be open on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, but only two wagons showed up on that first Monday, so the schedule was changed to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Fur trapping was still a large industry in the county in 1912. In June of that year, Marion Garber shipped about \$7000 dollars' worth of furs to the eastern market, including approximately 2200 skunk pelts. Over \$20,000 dollars' worth of fur pelts were exported out of the county that year.

Everyone has items like our recently found calendar. What items do you have in your home that can take you back to a different time, or bring to life stories told to you by your parents and grandparents?

The Greene County Historical Society archives many items like this that directly relate to specific events. They all have one thing in common - they tell a story that weaves together the greater chronicle of our collective narrative.

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Good NEWS

In Greene County

Local Children's Animal Rescue Efforts Honored

In January, Kyle, Kage, and Kali Loring were presented with certificates of appreciation for the efforts in locating a missing cat in the Carmichaels area.

Lucy DeFrank, the children's grandmother, shared the story with us. "Donna Roberts, from Teddy Bear Care, Inc. posted about McKenzie, a missing cat. It was such a sad story that I was moved to help and turn it into a teaching opportunity for the children."

After getting a map of the cat's home and the places that McKenzie had been recently sighted, Lucy and her daughter put together a rescue mission and a lesson plan. The three (ages 5, 7 and 9) learned about map reading and following directions as well as many things about cat behavior.

After McKenzie was found, Donna Roberts presented certificates of appreciation to the children who participated. The presentation was held January 16. Donna also gave the kids a tour of TBC's emergency response vehicle.

"The experience with Teddy Bear Care

and our kiddo cat rescuers went so well that Donna is planning a junior animal rescue group," Lucy shared. Teddy Bear Care is a nonprofit organization that cultivates energetic volunteers to serve their community and provide a better way of life for animals through training and education. Teddy Bear Care is dedicated to providing affection, security and love to all animals in need.



Izaak Walton League Publication Highlights Area Students

Two Carmichaels Area students, Sophia Zalar and Faith Willis, who became Wildlife Leadership Academy Conservation Ambassadors this past summer, were highlighted in the Izaak Walton League Publication Chapters in Action section recently.

The students braved the freezing temperatures of the early morning on November 14 to float stock approximately three miles of the south fork of Ten Mile Creek from Pollock

Mills to Chartiers Bottom.

"When the Izaak Walton League leaders asked who was going down the stream with the float box with about 800 rainbow trout, Sophia and Faith eagerly volunteered," shares Kevin Willis, a Carmichaels Area teacher. "I quickly got my waders on and joined them on the adventure."

During the trip, one of the girls asked the two Izaak Walton League members with us how far they would travel down the stream. One of the men replied that they were going to the bridge at Chartiers Bottom. When the girls asked how long that would take, he replied that the trip would be about two and a half hours. The girls chuckled thinking that he was joking, but the other man said it would be closer to three hours or the journey. Regardless, the students were dedicated to their task and completed the trip. Mr. Willis adds, "What an incredible experience and a great way to give back to the organization that sponsored their WLA scholarships!"



SWPA Area Agency on Aging Joins Vaccine Coalitions

Since the first week of January, a coalition of medical authorities, county officials and other agencies have been meeting weekly in order to plan, organize and effectively administer the COVID-19 Vaccine. Greene County participates in a supporting role and continues to be a partner in information gathering, plan validation and assisting in any other way available. This past week, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc. joined the team as a new partner.

In an e-mail, Rachal Estle, Greene County Supervisor, SWPA Area Agency on Aging stated that, "The Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is pleased to announce their cooperation with the Greene County Commissioners and Greene County Transportation Services to offer free rides to all seniors, 60 years of age and older, needing transportation to and from their scheduled COVID-19 vaccination appointment. For those who are interested in scheduling transportation to and from a vaccination site, call Greene County Transportation at (724) 627-6778 and please have your COVID-19 vaccination appointment information available to help coordinate your ride." The Area Agency on Aging will also make vaccine appointments for individuals that do not have access to the internet.

Planning, coordination and communication through the coalition meetings validate a significant capacity in Greene County to administer COVID-19 vaccines, the issue is the small amount of vaccine available through the state and federal distribution programs.

"Due to the limited vaccine that has been allocated to Greene County, our main focus is to administer the vaccine to the Greene County residents following the Department of Health's Phased approach safely and efficiently. We are very appreciative of all those involved in all aspects of the vaccine program." said Commissioner Betsy

McClure.

Washington Health Systems Greene anticipates the opening of their COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, increasing their current capacity to administer the vaccine, starting on Monday, February 15. The clinic will be operated in the old Wellness Center of the hospital at 350 Bonar Avenue Waynesburg, PA. Individuals that desire receiving the vaccine need to make an appointment through the Washington Health System's registration website located at <https://whs.org/covid/>.

Cornerstone Care, Centerville Clinics, McCracken's, Rite Aid and Giant Eagle Pharmacies also have limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines available. Phone numbers for these health care providers are available on the Commonwealth's vaccine provider map that is available at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>. This vaccine provider map ensures that all enrolled vaccine providers have their information publicly available.

All Pennsylvania residents are encouraged to sign up for AlertPA, a text notification system for health, weather, and other important alerts like COVID-19 updates from commonwealth agencies. Residents can sign up online at www.ready.pa.gov/BeInformed/Signup-For-Alerts.

Additional information can be obtained on the Greene County Commissioner's Facebook page, by calling (724) 852-5210 or individual healthcare providers.



Penn State Master Gardeners of Greene County Welcomes Three New Members

Penn State Extension is pleased to announce the certification of three new Master Gardeners. Lisa Lewis of Waynesburg, Deborah Sands of Rogersville, and Denise Tuttle of Carmichaels completed the 40 hours of classroom work and 50 volunteer hours requirements and attained their certification. The ac-

complishment was especially challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic, due to the personal contact restrictions outlined by Penn State. The Master Gardeners are also pleased to announce the creation of a new Facebook page, Penn State Master Gardeners of Greene County.

Scholarship Opportunities

Rotary Club Accepting Scholarship Applications

Each year the Rotary Club of Waynesburg awards scholarships to worthy high school students. The awards are selected based on academic performance, community service involvement, letters of recommendation and the student's response to the essay question, "What does the Rotary motto, 'service above self', mean to you?"

"Annually, the club selects two \$1,000 recipients from the applications received", shared the club's scholarship chair, Melody Longstreth. "The committee is always very impressed by the quality of our applicants and enjoy learning about the many talented and generous students we have here in Greene County."

The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors who reside in Greene County. Applicants must provide a brief essay, 400 words or less, on what the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self" means to them. A list of community service experiences, including dates and a brief description of each must also be submitted. Along with a list of school organizations to which the applicant belongs to, any offices held and any work experience if applicable. In addition, two letters of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, employer, pastor or other adult who has knowledge of the student's qualifications.

Applications may be obtained by calling 724-627-5926 or emailing a request to melody@greenechamber.org. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2021.

Greene County Chamber Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications from graduating seniors for the 31st Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship they will award this May in the amount of \$1,500. In addition, the winner will receive a Laptop compliments of PCsquared in Waynesburg.

The scholarship program is open to any Greene County resident who will be a graduating high school senior in 2021. Applicants will be required to write an essay and furnish a completed application and letter of acceptance. The top scoring applicants may be interviewed by a panel of judges as part of the application process. Applications may be obtained directly from the Chamber website at www.greenechamber.org or by calling 724-627-5926 or emailing a request to melody@greenechamber.org. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2021.

WINNERS

GreeneScene Contest - Isabella Wise knew that the fish could be found in Fredericktown, along Route 88.

Defense in Depth - Shane Belmont

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Interested in Aviation?

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Brag Mag Correction

In our last issue's Brag Mag, we accidentally shared incorrect information about one of our Brag Mag entries. We're reprinting it here with the correct information.



Brook Coss

◀ 10 Point Buck

Brooke Coss, age 17, of Waynesburg, shot this 10-point buck on November 28 while hunting in the Smith Creek area in Waynesburg. Joyce and Randy Coss shared the photo with us. Way to go, Brooke!

First Ever Veterans Expo

Join us at the first ever Greene County Veterans Expo! Stop by on Friday, March 26, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm at the Greene County Fairgrounds for veteran social networking, job opportunity information, health screenings, legal advice, housing in-

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Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

White Lies and Family Ties

Before Nineveh or Morris Township High School closed its doors in 1932, there were some great gridiron moments.

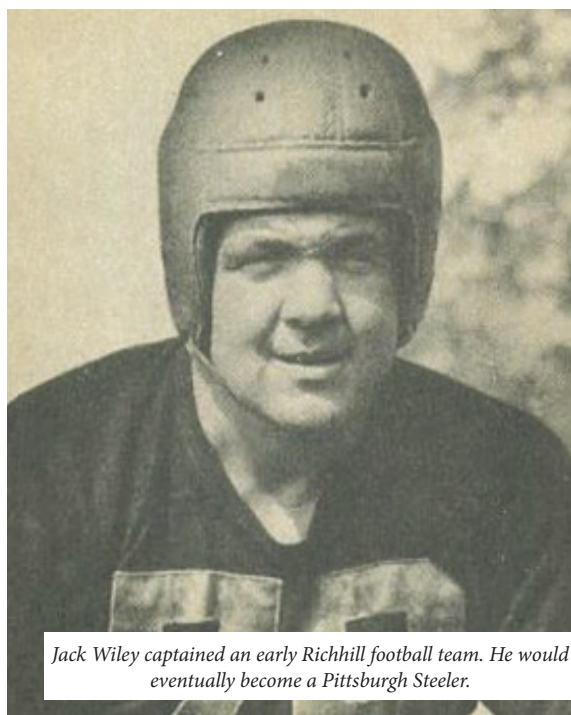
The high point of their football program came in 1925. Despite having only 28 students in the school, they fielded a team with 14 boys. Waynesburg High School and Cumberland Township had played to a 6-6 tie at College Field in what most thought to be the County Championship game. However, the Nineveh eleven traveled to Carmichaels for the final game of the season. In what the *Waynesburg Democrat* described as "the biggest upset in County history", Nineveh

trounced the Redbirds 42-12. The win gave them their only official County Championship.

Their 1927 team was also loaded with talent, including players such as Bird Clutter, Toe head Danley, Earl Mankey, and future Waynesburg College star Jake Porter. The big game of the season came when they hosted undefeated Jefferson for the de facto Class B County Championship. Four unusually large Jeff linemen had "taped their faces" for the game. When the tape came off during the game, they were recognized as Waynesburg College players. According to newspaper reports of the time, "the players were chased halfway back to Waynesburg" by the fans in attendance.

At the end of the regular season, Nineveh tried to schedule a game with Waynesburg to determine the combined Class A and Class B County Champion. Waynesburg had gone 4-4 against larger, non-county schools. However, an agreement could not be reached because Waynesburg insisted on a larger percentage of the gate.

The Honorable Judge Terry Grimes was kind enough to send me an article about the 1936 Richhill Township vs. Center Township football game. The game featured an interesting family dynamic. Legendary coach Asa Wiley was at the helm for the Ridgers, while his brother Bob led the Center Panthers. Yet a third younger brother, future Waynesburg College and Pittsburgh Steeler star Jack



Jack Wiley captained an early Richhill football team. He would eventually become a Pittsburgh Steeler.

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Wiley, captained the Richhill squad.

The fraternal connections were also strong on the Panthers' offensive line. Brothers George, Halfred, and Forrest Grimes started at center and both guard positions. The game was the third meeting in the rivalry series, with each team previously winning one. Asa Wiley had been the captain of the 1932 Waynesburg College team that beat Penn State. He went on to start the wrestling program at Waynesburg High School in 1938. In his five seasons there, his teams won two WPIAL championships and finished as runner-up twice. He coached four state champions and 14 WPIAL champs. Wiley was also the head football coach for the Yellow Jackets

in 1946 and went on to build an outstanding wrestling program at Slippery Rock University.

After returning from World War II, Jack Wiley played five seasons with the Steelers and became one of Art Rooney's favorite players. He was one of the first players to have his likeness on a football card. After retiring from the NFL, he too returned to coach Waynesburg College. He compiled a 22-9-1 record from 1951-54, including an upset of Bowling Green University. Jack went on to coach the offensive line at Pitt, where he recruited Mike Ditka and Marty Schottenheimer. Waynesburg University's football field is named in his honor.

JACKET JOURNALS

Beginning in 1902, the Waynesburg College women had informal teams. By 1912, they had official teams that played intercollegiate games. Mary Denny Weaver was the team's star player. On February 14, 1914, they took on a team from Westminster College at the recently remodeled South Morris Street venue. The locals lost a 13-9 contest that consisted of three ten-minute periods on a three-section court. The team did not enjoy playing by the women's rules and insisted on using men's rules. However, the Dean of Women vehemently opposed such a thing. After much negotiation, the administration compromised and allowed a hybrid set of rules.

The games were moved to the Armory in 1916-17 and drew large crowds. Professor Paul R. Stewart coached the "Girls Basketeers" that season. In addition to the Westminster rivalry, the women took on Geneva, California and Pitt. Pitt was one of the premier women's programs in the country, yet the locals always played them tough. Women's basketball had started in 1892 at Smith College and spread quickly throughout the East at colleges and universities. At the time, women's teams consisted of six players. They were limited to three dribbles and could only hold the ball for three

seconds. Three players were assigned to each the front and back courts, and they could not leave their areas. The Waynesburg women were undefeated during the 1920-21 season. On one occasion during the 1921-22 season, the team won a double header with the "reserves" beating the Waynesburg High School girls' team before the varsity defeated the Pennsylvania College of Women of Pittsburgh by a score of 28-12. The Waynesburg box score listed Miss McCracken, Miss McNeely, Miss Finch, Miss Munnell, Miss Tennant, and Miss Barrick as starters. These women also gave Pitt its closest game of the year at Trees Field House in Pittsburgh - a 14-9 defensive struggle. Mary Munnell scored all of Waynesburg's points.

The return game at Waynesburg was much anticipated by the town. The *Democrat-Messenger* reported that the Waynesburg College Orchestra was to play at the game and a dance would be held afterwards. However, the game was never finished. Miss Munnell fouled out on several questionable calls. She refused to leave the court, so the Pitt women left the floor. The officials pleaded with the visitors to return after Munnell was convinced to leave. However, they refused, and the game was called. There was no word on whether the Lady Panthers attended the dance.

YELLOW JACKET SPORTS RETURN

The Waynesburg University winter sports teams are scheduled to return to action this month.

Fans of the Jacket men's basketball team will need to learn a lot of new names and faces since second-year head coach Tim Fusina and assistant coach A.J. Uhl have brought in 14 newcomers to the varsity roster. These freshmen and transfers join a small group of six returning veterans that includes Mount Morris native Bristol Bennett. Bennett, who attended Trinity Christian School in Morgantown, appeared in 24 of a possible 26 games as a freshman. He averaged 3.6 points, 1.8 rebounds and just under one assist while playing 16 minutes per contest.

The Waynesburg men are also excited about the return of star guard Matt Popeck. Before missing all but one game last year with an injury, Popeck ended the 2017-8 season as the team's leading scorer (16.7 points per game). The junior standout graduated from Washington High School as its all-time leading scorer.

The Waynesburg women are small in

numbers, but big on experience. Senior forward Andrea Orlosky, a 2018-19 second-team All-PAC pick, and junior center Brooke Fuller, a 2019-20 second-team all-conference honoree, give the team a potent front court duo. Orlosky is currently third in the PAC in scoring (21 PPG) and rebounding (11.7 RPG). Fuller is averaging 13 points per game and 7.5 rebounds per game. The pair will need to be at its best and stay healthy, as the roster features just nine members.

Sophomore Katherine Henderson, a native of Hundred, West Virginia, is a first-year member of the squad, but is no stranger to competing at Waynesburg. Last year, Henderson was a two-time PAC Women's Track & Field Rookie of the Week as a jumper. She also finished in the top four in the long jump and high jump at the PAC Indoor Track & Field Championships.

The Waynesburg wrestling program returned to the mat for the first time in almost a year. On February 13, the Jackets picked up a 24-12 victory over Garrett (Md.) College Lakers. The team is very young this year with

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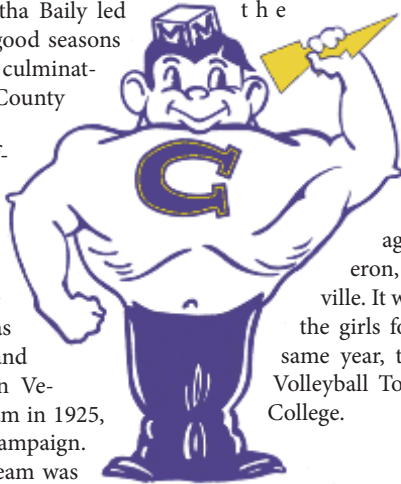
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CARMICHAELS CHRONICLES

The Cumberland Township girls' basketball team officially started play in 1920. They were scheduled as a preliminary game for the boys' event. They defeated Jefferson for the program's first win. Jefferson had started their girls' program that year also. Chaperones and opponents were hard to come by during this period. However, forward Mary Martha Baily led the girls to consecutive good seasons at the start of the decade, culminating with winning the County Championship in 1923.

In addition to Jefferson, opponents included McClellandtown and several independent squads. By the mid-20s, the girls were defeating schools such as Canonsburg, Charleroi and Claysville. When Darwin Vernon took over the program in 1925, the girls went 7-4 that campaign. The following year, the team was



19-3. They beat the Fayette County champions, Redstone, and even split a pair of games with Waynesburg College's respected team. That team was captained by Devonnah Dayton and had Harriet Baily, Sara Cree, Elizabeth Dugan, Annabelle Crago and Bernice Riley.

After two down years, the squad won the first Greene County Girls' Basketball Tournament held in Mapletown. After a two-year hiatus, girls' basketball was brought back during the 1933-34 season. The team finished 1-7 against Mapletown, Cameron, Belle Vernon and Centerville. It would be the last season for the girls for decades. However, that same year, the girls won the County Volleyball Tournament at Waynesburg College.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Jackson Machesky is the son of Brian and Abby Machesky of Carmichaels. He is a senior and a member of the varsity basketball and E-sports teams. Jackson maintains a 4.0 grade point average and enjoys spending time with his family and friends. His future plans include joining the Air Force this summer.



Mia Ranieri is the daughter of Jena and Greg Ranieri of Carmichaels. She is a senior at Carmichaels Area High School, where she plays varsity basketball and softball. Mia is also a member of the National Honor Society and plans to attend West Virginia University and major in sports management.



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RAIDER RECALL

Waynesburg High School originally played its basketball games on the roller rink floor on South Morris Street (third floor of Hot Rod's). However, the rink/gym was sold in 1912 and turned into a Vaudeville theater. Two years later, the theater owners sold the building to the Waynesburg High School Athletic Association, who remodeled the site into a permanent basketball venue. They also chose John Inghram Hook as the program's first official coach.

On January 9, 1915, Waynesburg High School defeated Cumberland Township (Carmichaels) High School 18-9 in the facility's first game. The coach's wife Sara started a girls' program the same year. They played a six-game home and away schedule against Claysville, East Washington and Martin's Ferry, Ohio. Mary Munnell was the star of the team and scored over two-thirds

of their points. The team finished 1-5 after splitting with Claysville, claiming the first victory in the program's history. The newspaper accounts noted they lost both games to the team from East Washington, who "played very rough for girls."

The following year, the girls won their only two games – Washington High School (14-13) and Claysville (58-15). Munnell, Edna Faddis and Mary Sayers would form the nucleus of these teams, and they all went on to successful careers for the Waynesburg College program. The program faded in the early 1920s just as the other county schools were starting their programs.



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Chase Henkins is the son of Chad and Erin Henkins of Waynesburg. The junior is the starting goalie on the soccer team and kicks for the football team. He is also the captain of the basketball team and a member of the track squad. His activities include Spanish club, student council, Waynesburg University Achievement Academy and serving as junior class president. He attends the First Church of the Nazarene and is an Equitrans' mentee. He plans to major in education and hopes to play to play soccer or basketball in college.



Kaley Rohanna is a freshman, who maintains a 4.0 GPA at Waynesburg Central High School. She plays both soccer and basketball for the Raiders. She also plays for the West Virginia Rampage, an AAU basketball team out of Morgantown. Kaley enjoys participating in the Crossroad Youth Ministries with the First Presbyterian Church in Waynesburg. She is thankful for her teammates, coaches and mentors.



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WCHS Seniors

Ryan Desrosiers, son of Michael and Danielle Desrosiers, plans to continue his basketball career at Waynesburg University. Desrosiers is an active member at his church, participated in NHS, the drumline of marching and concert band and played at the varsity level in cross country, track and field and basketball, lettering in all three.

Sam Harmon, son of Mike Harmon, plans to pursue a career in aerospace engineering after maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout high school. Harmon played varsity basketball, this year injury-free. Harmon attends Blacksville United Methodist Church, enjoys fishing and kayaking.

Riley Morehead, daughter of Dorsey and Tonya Morehead, plans to pursue a career in nursing. She is a three-year letterman for the Lady Raiders and the captain of the team. Morehead is a member of the National Honor Society, Leo Club, Spanish Club, Tribe and Ski Club and President of the Alpha Beta Club.

JEFFERSON - MORGAN

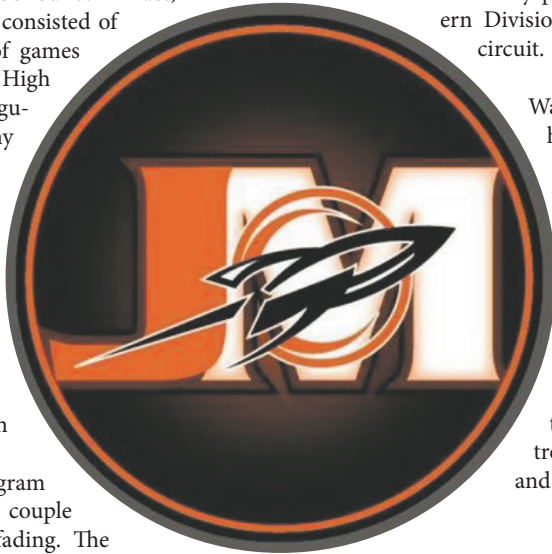
RETRO ROCKET

In 1920, the Jefferson girls started playing official basketball games. That first season was very limited because of the difficulty in finding coaches and chaperones for the team. In addition, travel was difficult even if opponents could be found. In fact, the entire season consisted of splitting a pair of games with Cumberland High School. That inaugural season, many of the surnames of those young women would sound familiar to today's residents of those communities: Faddis, Hathaway, Dugan, Bailly, Eaton, Johnson and Kline.

The program sputtered for a couple of years before fading. The

lack of facilities hampered both the boys' and girls' basketball programs during this period. However, softball fields were apparently available. Mather, Clarksville and Jefferson all had teams in the county girls' softball league of the 1930s. They played in the Eastern Division of the 12-team circuit.

That same decade, Waynesburg College hosted the County Track Meet. Since only boys competed in track, they held a volleyball tournament for the girls of the county schools. Jefferson's girls took home the trophy in both 1935 and 1936.



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Bryce Bedilion is the son of Dan and Beth Bedilion of Clarksville. He is a four-year letterman on both the baseball and golf teams. In addition, he competes as a member of the Waynesburg Central rifle team. Bryce is a member of the Student Council and the National Technical Honor Society. His hobbies include hunting and fishing. He hopes to be accepted to the First Energy Lineman program or attend California University after graduation.



Nevaeh Dudas is the daughter of Ryan and Kelsie Dudas. She is a member of the Jefferson-Morgan volleyball team. The junior is also involved in the 4-H Market Lamb Club and volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House. She plans to attend West Virginia University after she graduates.



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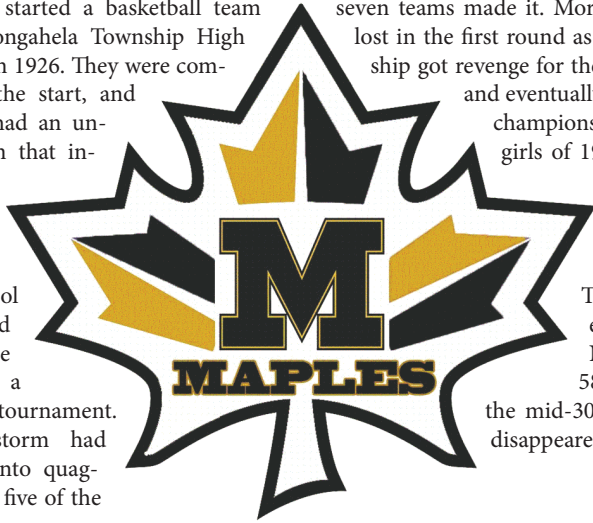
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SOUTHEASTERN GREENE

MAPLE MEMORIES

The girls started a basketball team at Monongahela Township High School in 1926. They were competitive from the start, and by 1929 they had an undefeated season that included a win over a powerful German Township team. The school decided toward the end of the season to host a post-season tournament. However, a storm had turned roads into quagmires and only five of the



seven teams made it. Moreover, the hosts lost in the first round as German Township got revenge for their earlier defeat and eventually took home the champions' trophy. The girls of 1930-31 also had a tremendous team. Their star was a Miss Skupnick. They beat Monessen 26-1 and North Union 58-4. However, by the mid-30s the sport had disappeared at the school.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Dominic Cumpston is a senior at Mapletown and is the son of Doug and Jacki Cumpston. Dom is a three-year letterman in basketball under coach Chad Stevenson. He was also a two-year letterman in football under coach George Messich. Dom is a member of the Greene County 4-H sheep and swine clubs. He excels in his wood-working classes at Mapletown and plans to use that experience in his future.



Krista Wilson is a sophomore at Mapletown. She is a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams. Krista was named to the All-County team in both volleyball and basketball. Her volleyball accolades include leading the team in aces and having the second highest number of kills. In basketball, she is averaging 15 points and 13 rebounds per game. Krista maintains a 4.625 GPA and is a member of the Future Teachers of America and Students Against Destructive Decisions. She is the daughter of Jeff Wilson of Greensboro.



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WEST GREENE

PIONEER PAST

Nineveh High School had its first basketball teams in 1924. They were not very successful, but they developed rivalries with Beallsville and Mt. Morris because they were of a similar size and faced similar obstacles. The teams played in Throckmorton's garage across the road from the general store. The girls would occasionally practice or play when a floor was available.

In 1928, the community built a school with an indoor court. By 1929, they had successful boys' girls' and independent teams. The girls' team was on its way to compete in the 1929 County Tournament in Mapletown, but never made it because they got stuck in the mud. That season had some interesting results for the team. After dropping a game



71-3 to Claysville, the young women bounced back with an 18-10 win over a highly respected Washington team the next game. The girls in the line-up were Clutter, Hopkins, Lightner, McCullough, and E. and R. Huffman. They beat a Mt. Morris team of Fox, Donley, Shear and A. and M. Kennedy for the regular season county championship. The girls played on until the mid-30s; however, the boys had moved on to play for independent teams.

On the softball diamond, Rogersville, Kuhntown, Pine Bank and Windy Gap all had girls' softball teams. In 1939, Rogersville hosted the first Tri-State Girls Softball Tournament with teams from the entire region.

LADY PIONEERS READY FOR ANOTHER PLAYOFF RUN

The West Greene Lady Pioneer basketball team is continuing its incredibly successful run this season. They will be making their ninth playoff appearance in the last decade. The women have reached the WPIAL semifinals the last four years and finished as runner-up in the past three tournaments.

The team has not lost a section game since February of 2016 (51 games), and they have not lost on their home floor since February of 2017 (36 games). Last season the squad went 22-0 in the regular season, defeating five teams that went on to play in their state tournaments.

This year, the Lady Pioneers have reeled off eleven straight victories for an 11-2 record. They have defeated all their county opponents as well as Monessen, Avella, California, Laurel Highlands and Frazier. Coach Jordan Watson recently recorded his 150th win with the program. Senior Jersey Wise leads the team in scoring with 17.8 points per game. She recently became the fifth Lady Pioneer to join the prestigious 1,000 Point Club during the last three years. She is the fifth mem-

ber of that prestigious club during this run. McKenna and Madison Lampe, Madison Raber and Kaitlyn Rizor were the others. Junior Anna Durbin also averages double figures with 12 points per game. She also pulls down 6.7 rebounds per game. Other major contributors include seniors Elizabeth Brudnock (8.3 PPG / 4.6 RPG) and Kaytlynn Walls (4.8 RPG); and juniors Brooke Barner (9.4 PPG and 5.7 RPG) and Katie Lampe (6.2 PPG and 3 SPG).



MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

The seventh-grade team has played three matches. They defeated Mapletown 2-0, after opening with tough losses to Brownsville and California. The eighth-grade team defeated Brownsville 2-0 before falling to California 2-1 and Mapletown 2-0.

WRESTLING REVIEW

The Pioneer wrestlers have had a very successful dual meet season. The team has defeated Jefferson-Morgan, Bentworth, Frazier, Yough, and Chartiers-Houston twice on their way to posting a 6-4 record. Individually, Seth Burns is currently undefeated, racking up a 10-0 record with four pins. Nash Bloom has posted an 8-2 record with three pins. Other members of the team with winning records are Danny Collins (7-3), Levi Corbly (5-1), Parker Smith (4-1), Brian Jackson (4-3) and Johnny Lampe (5-5).

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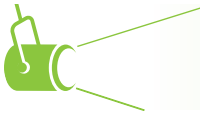
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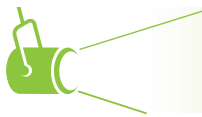


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Petermann Bus is located at 3250 Golden Oaks Road, Rogersville, PA, 15359. If you would like to contact them about either their services or about becoming a driver, contact Kathy Flowers, general manager, at 724-499-5004.





Pig & Fire House of BBQ

While all businesses have been impacted by COVID-19 pandemic in some form, no business sector was hit harder than the restaurant industry. From multiple government shutdowns to strict regulations, many restaurants were so devastated by the virus' economic impact that some owners had to close their doors for good, especially those in the fine dining industry. After owning the elegant, fine-dining restaurant Palazzo 1837 Ristorante for over ten years, Washington County restaurateurs Matt and Susanne Sager realized that the only way for their business to survive in this strange new world was to fight back, adapt, and embrace change. In the summer of 2020, they did just that, turning their once posh Italian establishment into a rustic, upscale barbecue restaurant, now named Pig and Fire House of BBQ.

Located within Washington, PA's the Shoppes at Quail Acres, this new BBQ restaurant serves high-quality BBQ staples, like baby-back ribs, brisket, and pulled pork, as well as their own concoctions, like BBQ Poutine, Bourbon-Pecan Glazed Salmon, and Smoked Gouda Mac n' Cheese. Using locally grown cherry wood, an industrial-sized pit smoker from Texas, and Executive Chef Kevin Castellucci's expertise in the art of Cajun-style BBQ, Pig and Fire House of BBQ creates a unique dining experience, blending elements of both traditional, Southern BBQ cuisine and fine-dining style service, all inside a historic landmark building originally constructed in 1837. Pig and Fire House of BBQ's food is a hybrid of all major kinds of southern barbecue, combining techniques and flavors inspired by the Carolina, Kansas City, Louisiana Cajun, Georgia, and Texas styles of BBQ. As for the drinks, the restaurant has a carefully curated craft beer selection, focusing on Germanic-European drafts and domestic craft IPAs, as well as an extensive cocktail menu, featuring homemade cocktails of their own design, using freshly squeezed fruit juices and top-shelf liquors.

If you don't feel comfortable dining in, or if you're having a larger gathering, Pig and Fire can also serve you with their catering and take-out offerings. They offer family style to-go packages, as well as full service and on-site catering, perfect for bridal/baby showers,

weddings, graduation parties, and more.

Although Pig and Fire House of BBQ is now a casual dining destination, the Sagers did not forget their fine-dining roots when curating their menu and the overall restaurant. Susanne's family had been running high-end Italian restaurants in Pittsburgh for decades, and she wanted to retain her family's history by creating an elevated BBQ experience. Elements of fine dining are present in all elements of this casual eatery, including attentive table service, high-quality ingredients in their food, drinks, and even their signature sauces, and of course, the building's elegant atmosphere, even for outdoor dining. They will even offer some of Palazzo's old signature dishes on special, including prime-cut steaks and crepe lasagna.

Looking towards the future, Pig and Fire House of BBQ plans to stick around for the long run, even through the remainder of the pandemic. "Who doesn't love BBQ when times are tough?" Matt Sager said. "BBQ is popular across the US, and everyone can identify to putting some meat on a fire and relaxing with your family. As long as we can operate, we'll be here for a long time, serving great American BBQ."



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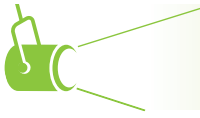
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Wayne Lumber

Wayne Lumber has been a prominent business in Waynesburg for well over 65 years, and thanks to Ryan and Greta Mooney, the well-known hardware and home improvement store now known as Wayne Lumber and Supply, is still going strong. Since taking over ownership in August of 2018, the Mooney's have not made any major changes to the store, but have made a string of minor improvements which includes making cosmetic adjustments, expanding the products they offer, and offering online shopping.

The Mooney's continue to update and improve the look of the store. They put up new shelving which has added color to brighten up the interior. More display areas have been created, and the lighting display has been redesigned.

"Our goal was to add increased depth in our electrical and plumbing departments to better supply our contractors," Greta Mooney says.

Their product lines continue to expand. Scott's brand of lawn and garden supplies have been offered for some time now, and even more of Scott's lawn improvement supplements and potting soils will be available this spring. The EGO line of battery-operated outdoor power tools has been brought into the store, as well as more stock in Milwaukee. They continue to stock DeWalt power tools and Weber and Traeger grills. An exciting addition to their building supply inventory is the Pro-Via line of exterior doors. "They offer lots of design options and superior quality," Greta says of Pro-Via.

With Wayne Lumber and Supply being an Ace store, the Mooney's have benefited from Ace adding Benjamin Moore to their

paint line. "Sales have continued to grow in that area as well," Greta shares.

Wayne Lumber and Supply has not escaped the effects of the pandemic. Last year caused several supply chain issues for the business. They spent a great deal of time re-sourcing additional suppliers so they could keep their shelves as stocked as possible. Twelve people, including owners Ryan and Greta Mooney, work at Wayne Lumber and Supply either full or part time. "We were very lucky to be deemed essential," Greta stated, "and we have been able to be open."

Even though their doors have remained open, they now offer the option to shop online through Ace. Customers can visit www.acehardware.com, do their shopping, choose Wayne Lumber and Supply as their store, and their order will ship directly to Wayne Lumber and Supply for free. To pick up items ordered online, customers have the choice to pick up inside the store or have their order brought out to their car. "This has given our customers an added option to safely shop," said Greta.

The Mooney's feel blessed that they had continued community support through such a difficult year. The Mooney's son, Wyatt, continues working at Wayne Lumber and Supply for two days a week during the summer. Their daughter, Morgan, is currently making college plans. She graduates from high school this year and plans to study business at either Belmont or WVU.

To keep up-to-date on new items and promotions, follow Wayne Lumber and Supply on Facebook. More information can also be found on www.Waynelumbersupply.com.



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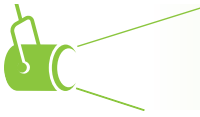
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Mountaineer Comic-Con

For those unfamiliar with fan conventions, the idea of thousands gathering to celebrate and enjoy pop culture, nostalgia and entertainment may seem weird. Since 1970, the San Diego Comic-Con has brought fans together from around the world, and has since been the standard of all conventions. Since the mid-2000s, comic-cons, commonly referred to as a con, have become an industry in itself.

Comic conventions in our region are limited in numbers. Others located in Hagerstown, MD, Harrisburg, PA and beyond, are an inconvenient distance that many won't take time to travel to. This year, Greene County-based Legendary Conventions, LLC will be launching Mountaineer Comic-Con.

Mountaineer Comic-Con has been in the planning stages since December of 2019 and is scheduled to occur September 24 - 26, 2021, at Mylan Park, in Morgantown, WV. This type of event will be the first ever to be held in the region and will feature celebrity guests from television and film, some coming from as far as New Zealand. Early estimates of fan attendees are in the area of 5,000 - 7,000, from in and around the tri-state area.

Mylan Park, located at 500 Mylan Park

Lane Morgantown, WV, is no stranger to hosting large events. Annual events like Mountainfest, WV Energy Expo, West Virginia Grand Bash and many more are held in and on their grounds. The Hazel JW Ruby Community Center (more commonly referred to as Mylan Park) is the 54,000 square foot facility that will be the home of Mountaineer Comic-Con.

This celebration of pop culture, nostalgia and entertainment is bringing Hollywood to Morgantown. Some celebrity guests that will be featured are Michael Rosenbaum (Smallville, Guardians of the Galaxy 2), John Glover (Smallville, Fear The Walking Dead), Alan Ritchson (DC's Titans, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles), Peter Dante (Little Nicky, The Waterboy), Chris Sullivan (Guardians of the Galaxy 2, This Is Us) and many more! There will be several cast reunions occurring as well: Power Rangers, Blue Mountain State, The Walking Dead, Smallville and Guardians of the Galaxy 2.

Over the three day event, fans attending the event will have the opportunity for once in a lifetime meet and greets, including autographs and photos taken with their favorite celebrity. There will be question and answer

panels, costume contests, as well as local artists, creators, vendors and exhibitors.

Local artists and creators will be in attendance with "Artist's Alley." They'll be able to display and sell their work to an audience that may not have been aware of them. There are a number of local authors that will be on hand, as well, with their novels. Area businesses and collectors will be able to set up a booth and exhibit their merchandise - with some very hard to find items.

Advance tickets, VIP Weekend Passes and special room rates can be found at MountaineerComicCon.com. You stay current with guest announcements, vendor spotlights and a lot more by following their social media; [Facebook.com/MountaineerComicCon](https://www.facebook.com/MountaineerComicCon) and [Instagram.com/MountaineerComicCon](https://www.instagram.com/MountaineerComicCon). For more information,

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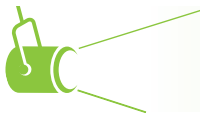
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4 Seasons Lawn & Garden

One of the most distinct features in all of Greene County, PA is our land and what grows in or on top of it. From its natural vegetation and foliage to the rocky ridges of the hills, and even the impact of the region's unpredictable weather, Greene County's land is one of the most vivid and distinctive things about this small but mighty region of Appalachia. While the region's land is beautiful in its natural state, sometimes the diverse land needs to be tamed for housing and business developments, farmland, and other man-made endeavors. The type of outdoor machinery and hobbyist farm equipment required to conquer these rugged terrains can be found at Greene County's premiere outdoor equipment retailer, 4 Seasons Lawn and Garden, located at 600 Rolling Meadows Road in Waynesburg, PA.

"I don't feel like it is hard to build a reputation when you're honest, provide a quality product and the service for it, and treat your customers well," manager Courtney Hursey

says. "The reputation does its own thing. You don't have to work hard at it if you are good at what you do."

4 Seasons Lawn and Garden Inc. has utilized its roots and expertise to aid Greene County residents in their quest to control, preen, and groom their lawns, farms, and yards for over 26 years. Established in 1995, this family-owned business is has become an essential pillar of the whole community and the local agricultural industry. This local retailer offers seven popular brands of outdoor and farming equipment, which includes John Deere, Stihl, Kioti Tractor, Husqvarna, Honda, and most recently, Steiner Tractors.

"It means a lot for a business, especially a small, family-owned business, to be around for 26 years. We are proud of our ability to be able to adapt, change, look toward the future and continue to be relevant in the community," Courtney says.

On top of their honest business practices and decades of experience, Courtney believes that customers keep coming back to 4 Seasons Lawn and Garden because they offer top

quality service and maintenance for all the products they sell. Customers can also buy parts for all the brands 4 Seasons Lawn and Garden carries, which she believes is one of the biggest advantages of working with a local retailer. "If you buy a tractor or lawn mower from a big box store, there isn't a service department," she says. "When you buy from us, you can buy something, have any warranty work done here, and have any service work done here. We are a one stop shop; we have the parts, the service, and trained technicians."

To start off 2021 on a positive note, 4 Seasons continues to grow with the addition of Steiner tractors to their lineup. Veteran Sales Lead Jeremiah Allison said that the retailer is always looking for new ways to serve their customers and saw a huge market for Steiner products here in Greene County. "Steiner Tractors have a variety of attachments available making them versatile all year and that they are great on steep ground," Jeremiah says. "They are the billy goats of the tractor world." All the retailer's staff members have trained and are learning about all of the new Steiner models to help customers with any questions or concerns they might have about the new brand. Even the service technicians have gone through a rigorous training course to become adept in maintaining and servicing this unique and reliable outdoor power equipment brand.

Overall, 4 Seasons Lawn and

Garden keeps their business practices simple: work hard, be honest, adapt to the customers' ever-changing needs, and stay committed to customers by providing quality service for all products sold.

To learn more about the business and their products, call 724-627-6153 or stop by during their business hours, 8am-5pm Monday-Friday and 8am-2pm on Saturdays.

4 Seasons Rentals

In 2011, business-owner Murray Hoy created 4 Seasons Rentals to fill a need for a small equipment and tool rental needs in Greene County. Fast-forward to 2021, and the company is now celebrating ten years. Although the original goal of the company was to supply rental tools and outdoor equipment, 4 Seasons Rentals has now evolved to accommodate another niche in the Greene County market: event rentals.

"We started with two tents and now I have to sit down and count to figure out how many we have. It's something we were not expecting when first started," Manager Courtney Hursey says. "Originally, we thought the focus of the business would be on renting tools and equipment, but then the event rentals started to grow, and our focus shifted."

While they still offer rentals for small equipment power tools like jackhammers, air nailers, a walk-behind trencher, stump grinder, and floor sanders, the company has become more noted for their wide variety of party and event rental equipment, including tents, tables, chairs, linens, and other event essentials. On top of the basic party essentials, they also offer a dance floor, a portable bar, and industrial-sized fans to rent for your next event, indoor or outdoor. With some rental items like linens and plastic table covers, you can even customize the color to fit your events' theme.

Courtney says that the business' wide array of tents gives customers multiple options for any event they are hosting. Their products are perfect for weddings, graduation parties, banquets, family reunions, and other popular events. Best of all, 4 Seasons Rentals has an experienced crew that provides set up and tear down, which customers appreciate because that is one less thing they do not have to worry about.

As spring approaches 4 Seasons Rentals is once again offering their popular Summer Party Sale packages. For 2021, they have also added a few Small Party packages to help those with events accommodating COVID-19 guidelines, including one package that includes your choice of backyard games like croquet and bocce ball for outside events like picnics and BBQs. However, the most popular of these smaller event packages will be those for weddings that had to be downsized to comply with COVID-19 regulations. "Due to the virus, people are looking to for options for smaller parties and weddings," Courtney says. "There is a trend towards elopement-style weddings and we wanted to make sure we had something special for those customers".

4 Seasons Rentals is looking forward to celebrating ten years with you this party season by helping to make your party one to remember. To learn more or to make a reservation, call 724-825-4269. 4 Seasons Rentals are open from 8am-5pm Monday - Friday and 8am-2pm on Saturdays.



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SPHS Center of Excellence

SPHS Expands Centers of Excellence Services in Waynesburg and Surrounding Areas

SPHS will soon be opening a Centers of Excellence (COE) in Waynesburg and will be accepting referrals immediately.

The Centers of Excellence is a community-based program that provides treatment to people with an opioid use disorder (OUD) or a history of an OUD. Staff often go directly into the community to personally meet and engage individuals to enter treatment; and to personally follow up with current clients to gauge their level of compliance with their recovery.

The COE historically started with SPHS in early 2017 with offices in Washington and the Mon Valley, and have serviced over 2,500 individuals. According to Rita Nichols, COE Director, the program has an 89% treatment engagement rate. "There have been so many success stories," said Nichols.

The Centers of Excellence offers services including but not limited to:

- Linking individuals to drug and alcohol and mental health treatment
- Assisting with induction into Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT); which is the use of medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies
- Links to community resources that best fit the needs of the client. (ie. county assistance office, housing assistance, job search, transportation)
- Assisting with physical health needs (ie. dentistry, obtaining a primary care physician)
- Collaborating with other organizations that assist with the needs of the clients so that they can receive the best possible care
- Linking pregnant individuals to the appropriate providers for monitored pre-natal care
- Collaborating and advocating with probation and parole, offering support and assistance with current court cases and upcoming hearings

SPHS has COEs throughout five counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. Due to the success of the program and the growing need, SPHS is expanding services to surrounding communities. Offices are currently located

in Washington, Monessen and Waynesburg; with locations in Uniontown, Butler, New Kensington and Latrobe to open soon.

The COVID pandemic has greatly affected the COE. "We are a mobile outreach service, so we are accustomed to being in close proximity to our clients . . . in their homes and interacting face to face. Our clients need that added personal support," said Nichols. The COE adapted to telehealth services and never stopped treating clients. Transportation to treatment or any life sustaining appointments continued. We have been innovative in finding alternate routes of interaction while practicing social distancing," added Nichols. "As COVID cases decline we are hoping to get back into the community soon and engage with our clients face to face again."

If you or someone you know is suffering from OUD, please call 1-888-810-8595. Help is available 24/7.

Current COEs are staffed with a supervisor, licensed professional, licensed CARE navigator/social worker, physician, nurse, master's level CARE Navigator, and a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) who has life experience with recovery.

If you are interested in joining this family of SPHS Heroes, please contact Norm Affinito at 724-489-9100, ext. 4473 or go to www.sphs.org/employment.html.



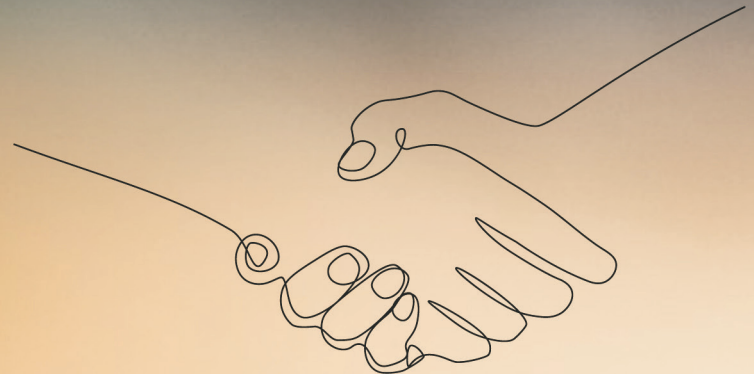
Brian Issi, COE team lead, and Rita Nichols, COE director.



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The highly qualified healthcare providers at Cherry Tree Medical Associates include Kishor E. Joshi, MD (internal medicine & cardiology), Phillip Reilly, MD (internal medicine), Valerie Messer, CRNP, and Krishma Patel, PA-C. All providers and staff are committed to providing the highest quality care to their patients.

Cherry Tree Medical Associates offers two convenient locations: 25 Highland Park Drive in Uniontown, and 129 Simpson Road in Brownsville. The Uniontown office hours are Monday & Thursday 8:00am to 6pm; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am to 1:00pm with scheduled appointment availability that varies. In Brownsville, appointments and walk-ins are available on Wednesdays from 8:30am to 12:00pm. STAT lab draws end at 3:30pm while radiology closes at 4:30pm.

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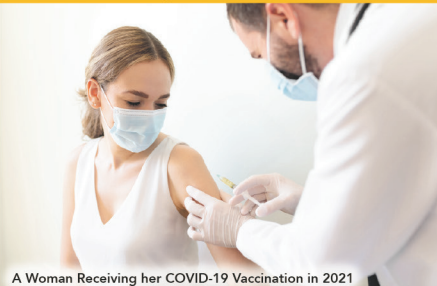
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Waynesburg Rotary Club

In February 2021, Rotary International is celebrating a milestone: the World Health Organization African region has been certified Polio free!"

We are in the middle of an epidemic, COVID-19. Like Salk with polio, a vaccine to eradicate this disease been developed.

We at Rotary are dedicated to helping eradicate COVID-19. Starting February 9, one million doses will be distributed to some 6,500 pharmacies across the country; it will

soon increase to 10.5 million doses! Please don't let fear keep you from getting vaccinated. Contact your pharmacist or the Washington Health System and make an appointment to be vaccinated today.

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Rolling Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation

Rotary Club of Waynesburg Donates New Televisions to Residents of Rolling Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation

Rolling Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation, a not for profit skilled nursing organization located in Waynesburg, PA, partnered with their local Rotary Club to purchase 18 new televisions for their residents. Heather Grandel, Director of Marketing at Rolling Meadows, is a member the Rotary Club of Waynesburg and she shared the

need of additional televisions with the Rotary Club and they in turn, stepped up to assist by making the needed donation.

"Rolling Meadows wants to acknowledge and thank our amazing staff for their dedication, compassion, and commitment during the pandemic. Our resident families, local EMS, First Responders, hospital

staff, medical staff and local resources were alongside us when we endured the outbreak. We also want to thank the families, community and organizations such as The Rotary Club of Waynesburg, for the support they have given our residents and staff through notes of encouragement and other practices" commented Jennifer Rhodes, Nursing Home Administrator of Rolling Meadows.

The activities department is happy to assist anyone who would like to arrange a virtual chat via Skype, FaceTime or phone call. The residents enjoy seeing and hearing

from their family, loved ones and friends. Call Rolling Meadows at 724-627-3153 to arrange.

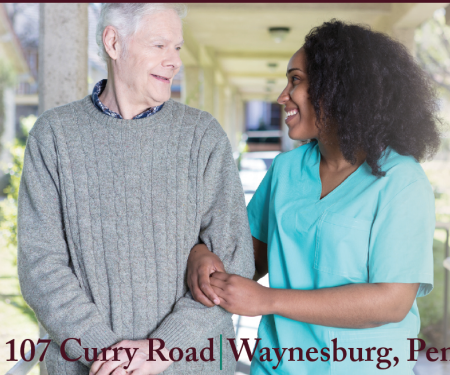


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Center for Community Resources

Community members continue to face additional stressors and shortages of their basic needs due to the ongoing pandemic but often have no idea where to seek help. Connecting people to the services they need is the mission of the Center for Community Resources. The Center for Community Resources is there to lend a helping hand. Their caring staff is ready to listen to your concerns and direct you to the resources you need, whether it is for assistance paying a utility bill, shelter, warm food, phone services, or hospitalization services, the center is there to provide the resource.

"We don't define people's crisis," says Kathleen Doerr, director of the Center for Community Resources. Arriving in Greene County in July 2020, this service provider's national hotlines and outreach services have been available since 2003 and they operate in fifteen counties in western Pennsylvania.

During the fall, a grant through Stoughton Farms brought funds to purchase bedding, blankets, and Walmart gift cards. These items were dispersed to the community at an in-person event in October 2020 held at the center's home

in Waynesburg. It provided a few of the basics unavailable through other financial assistance programs to those that needed them.

To make it easier to reach out for assistance, the center is available through calls, text, online chat, and walk-ins. You can reach them by text at 63288, by chat at www.ccrinfo.org, through their national suicide prevention line, local crisis number 800-417-9460, and mobile services for the 15 western PA counties, including Greene Co. You can also walk into their offices, located at 82 W. High Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370, Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.





Blueprints

Blueprints is a nonprofit agency with over 50 programs in the Washington and Greene counties of Pennsylvania and throughout West Virginia. One of the largest programs, Head Start, Early Head Start and Pre-K Counts, began enrollment in early February.

The Head Start and Early Head Start programs are available for eligible pregnant women and families of young children, birth to 5 years old at no cost. According to myblueprints.org, services include early learning and school readiness, health and family well-being. Choices for services range from classroom, home based, or childcare center options.

Katie Hirschinger, Educational Specialist in the Early Learning Program, or as she likes to put it, “a coach for Head Start teachers,” is fueled by her joy and love of teaching children and says she adores helping her peers reach their full potential as teachers.

“Teaching is not something that everyone can successfully do,” Katie explains. “It’s not often you get the chance to find something you love to do and get to share it with others.”

Helping teachers to enrich their children

through difficulty is Katie’s passion.

“My hope for the future is that I can help as many teachers become the best they can and in turn develop a generation of lifelong learners that don’t see struggles as a barrier but merely an obstacle to overcome,” Katie says.

The Pre-K Counts program is a pre-kindergarten program for children 3-4 years old. Pre-K Counts Program Manager Kris Krivanek says she gets to see firsthand the impact Blueprint’s program has on the families they serve.

“With virtual learning, we’ve overcome some of the challenges involved with family engagement by offering materials and technology to families to help them participate in our programming,” she says. “I love seeing the photos from our families of all of the awesome ways they are facilitating learning at home.”

Pre-K Counts classrooms are located in local school districts throughout Washington and Greene counties and offer childcare partner sites for families in need of extended hours for before or after care. To qualify for this assistance, families must reside in Pennsylvania and meet the income requirements

of up to 300% of the federal guidelines.

Katie appreciates the variety of program options because of the way it suits each unique family.

“My favorite aspect of involvement with community would have to be gaining the understanding that no two people or families are alike,” she says. “Everyone has struggles and achievements in life, but how they cope with these struggles and expand upon these achievements is all different.”

Katie acknowledged that the most challenging part is knowing, “Not everyone has the same will or the same opportunities to experience in life. People can’t always truly see



what’s beyond them.”

“We hope to continue to grow our Pre-K program so all families in our community have access to quality early learning for their children,” Kris adds.

Eligibility depends per location for the programs and applications to apply can be found online at myblueprints.org.



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Greene County Foster Care: For the Kids

Greene County Child and Youth Services is always the first in line to step above and beyond to help those in need. Whether the need be a warm, loving home, clothes, or an education, there is always a place to turn for help when children need it the most. Children and families are our most valuable resources. Greene County, like many counties across the nation, is experiencing an increasing number of families who have critical needs. In an effort to assist these families, so that their children will not have to leave their home, the Greene County Children and Youth Services Advisory Board created the For the Kids Committee in 2011.

For the Kids was formed to help families who are involved with the agency or are currently in foster care, who are in need of special items. The program also allows other children in Greene County to experience things they otherwise cannot on their own. For example; books for cosmetology school at the Greene County Career & Technology Center, prom dresses, beds, exterminators, electric bills, etc. Amy Anderson, administrative assistant, states, "It's important to point out that requests such as beds, paid electric bills and exterminator services have avoided placement of children."

"We are able to offer our assistance through For the Kids program by donations received through fundraisers. Though the funds certainly need replenished, in the early stages of the program, the committee was able to raise \$21,872.00! No fundraisers are currently planned for 2021, however, we are always accepting donations," Amy adds. "These items can be suitcases, prom gowns, sports equipment, baby items, pest extermination services and home

repairs. The list goes on. And we seem to always have a great need for mattresses and bedding. Additionally, monetary donations are always welcome."

The process to qualify for assistance through the For the Kids program first starts with a child's need. Followed by a request from a caseworker or teacher. A simple form is filled out stating the "need" and cost along with validity that three attempts to obtain this item elsewhere were attempted with no avail. For example, if a family needs a car seat, the family can reach out to the Pregnancy Crisis Center or Catholic Charities to see if they either have a new car seat or the funds to help the family. Once the form is submitted to the administrative assistant, she will then verify the information and present the request to For the Kids committee to approve or deny. This committee consists of the CYS Administrator, CYS Solicitor, and four board members.

The fundraising committee also helps this program tremendously. "Generating funds to help keep families united and to assist kids to have fulfilling lives is our mission."

"I have seen so many wonderful out-

comes in my eight years at the agency," says Amy. "We have kept children with their parents by simply providing beds. Many children that stay with the agency after they turn eighteen years old need books for further education and, if approved, we are happy to be able to provide those items."

Greene County Children and Youth Services are always in need of caring foster parents. With so many children in and around the Greene County area who are neglected and/or abused, the need couldn't be greater. Maybe you could be that special angel they have been hoping and praying for to give them a fighting chance at their best possible life. If you or someone you know would like to make a difference in a child's life, please contact Greene County Children and Youth Services at 724-852-5217 or visit GCFosterCare.com. Maybe your warm smile is all they need to give them hope.

If you would like more information on For the Kids program or would like to make a donation, please call Amy Anderson, CYS administrative assistant/clerk supervisor at 724-852-5217 or email aanderson@co.greene.pa.us. Donations can be accepted at any time and brought directly to the agency, 150 Fort Jackson Building, 19 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370.



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SPHS STTARS

Lisa was a teenager when she was sexually assaulted by a friend of her family. It took her more than two years to speak with anyone about the assault because she was afraid of retaliation by her abuser. She also feared that if she did tell, she would not be believed or would even be blamed for what had happened. After seeing a brochure about the SPHS STTARS program (Sexual Trauma Treatment and Recovery Services) in her guidance office at school, Lisa reached out through the sexual assault hotline. She was connected to a counselor who she now sees weekly. Through these supportive services, Lisa understands that the assault was not her fault and she feels more confident in herself and in sharing her experience. Now in college, she is active in her campus' sexual assault prevention group and is excited about moving forward in her life and her recovery.

Lisa's story of sexual assault isn't a rarity. In the United States, 1 in 5 individuals will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. These acts of willful intimidation, physical coercion, and sexual violence leaves victims feeling overwhelmed and helpless – but they don't have to be. Across southwestern Pennsylvania, community leaders and citizens are acting to end sexual violence and create better support for its victims.

STTARS, a program of the SPHS CARE Center, provides services to survivors of sexual violence and their families and significant others in Washington and Greene counties. Services include individual and group counseling, legal and medical advocacy, a 24-hour sexual assault survivor hotline, and prevention & education programs. All services are free and confidential.

The program provides primary prevention-based education and training ser-

vices to a wide variety of audiences with the goal of educating local residents about available services as well as steps that they can take toward ending sexual violence in their communities.

"We all have a role to play in bringing about an end to sexual violence," Joanna Dragan, supervisor of the STTARS Program asserts. "By engaging in conversations about prevention, and confronting attitudes that are conducive to sexual violence, each individual can contribute to the creation of safer and healthier communities."

The program offers confidential counseling services both in-person and via telehealth. Sessions are designed to empower, educate, and support clients through the healing process.

STTARS also provides medical advocacy upon request at area hospitals to provide support during the forensic examination process; and legal advocacy is available to those who are going through the criminal or civil justice process. Advocates assist with educating and supporting survivors and their families throughout legal proceedings.

A toll-free crisis hotline is available 24 hours a day for sexual violence survivors and significant others, and can be reached at 1-888-480-7283.

The STTARS program relies on volunteers to assist with providing hotline services, conduct outreach at community events, and help with fundraising. For those interested, training is required and offered online at this time.

For more information on how you can make a difference in our community, please contact Joshua Parnell at jparnell@sphs.org or 724-627-6108.

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Greene County Chamber of Commerce

Whether its support for your business, staff educational needs, or funding for pandemic financial struggles, the Greene County Chamber of Commerce is there to help you do business better.

During 2020, the chamber dedicated itself to lending support to help businesses functioning through closures, financial strains, and more. They continue to provide updates to new support systems and relief programs available to Greene County businesses. Their newsletter and additional social media activity connected businesses to the programs they needed to survive the year. They even implemented a curbside notary

service for members.

You may be aware of the chamber through its community outreach programs. The chamber is celebrating the 31st annual \$1500 educational scholarship to a Greene County student this year. And in December, the 82nd Annual Christmas Parade was held, just a bit differently due to COVID restrictions.

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

The chamber's staff may be working remotely serving 350 member businesses but rest assured that they are ready to serve you and your business in this time of crisis and in the future. If you are not already a member, now is the time to join. FMI on the Chamber email info@greenechamber.org, call 724-627-5926, visit greenechamber.org or find them on Facebook @greene-countypachamber.



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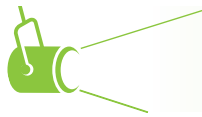
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Cornerstone Care

As one of the leading healthcare providers in the area, Cornerstone Care works to improve the health of their patients and the residents of their community with special concern for the underserved. They cover six counties across southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia, including two locations in Waynesburg, PA.

While their goal has always been to help their patients, that has been especially apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Executive Officer Richard Reinhart has seen the company adapt to the changes and thanks his staff's hard work for Cornerstone Care's success.

"It has been a bit of a roller coaster ride and we have done a lot of pivoting and adapting since March," Reinhart says. "We as a team have worked hard to make people feel as safe as possible. Info was coming in fast and furious from the CDC and our team always made sure to meet guidelines and kept evolving to the changes that were coming."

Aside from the physical sickness that is still raging across the country, mental health is another big battle that Cornerstone Care is tackling head on. With people stuck in isolation, Cornerstone Care has seen an uptick in the need for Mental Health Services since last March.

As they pivoted so many times before, they did it again on the Behavioral Health side, offering telehealth visits to keep everyone safe while addressing the growing need for help.

"From the start of the pandemic, Behavioral Health services made a pivot to telehealth for all visits," Reinhart says. "The demand for behavioral health has increased and if you already have the need for mental health, isolation only amplifies it. People have been so grateful for telehealth because it provides them a way to call in and get the care they need while

being safe and socially distant."

While the majority of Cornerstone Care's services remained open through the pandemic, one service that did not was their dental services. Because of the close proximity required for dental work, it was not safe for a dentist and patient to be that close to one another.

Dental services were shutdown from March to June, and in that time demand for dental services increased. To meet the demand, Cornerstone Care completely upgraded its dental facilities to ensure the safety of both doctor and patient.

"Our dental department pivoted by making upgrades to ensure that both our employees and patients are protected," Reinhart adds. "We were closed from March to June and in that time, we installed air purifiers and filters in our rooms as well as UV lights to cut down the presence of the virus across the board. We also do screenings and take temperatures to ensure everyone will be safe."

While the pandemic is one challenge that Cornerstone Care faces, another challenge they face is people not showing for their appointments. With demand so high right now, it is hard for people to simply get an appointment. When people don't show up, it closes a spot for someone else who needed that appointment.

With so many different options available to patients from telehealth to in person visits, Reinhart says there is a way for everyone to be able to make their appointments while still being safe. "Our ongoing challenge, even before the pandemic, is no-shows," Reinhart shares. "In a normal year, we have a no-show rate as high as 40%. That is a killer on the business side because we aren't getting paid for that appointment, but it also hurts on the healthcare side because that appointment could have been used for someone else who was in need."

For any patients who are afraid of coming back to Cornerstone Care, Reinhart ensures that Cornerstone Care is one of the safest places you can be in the midst of the pandemic. Their number one goal is the health and safety of both the employees and patients, and they are following new guidelines

every single day.

"I would argue that we might be safer than anywhere else," Reinhart says. "Masks are required and we are paying more and more attention to protocols from the CDC. We have more security than ever before, and we have temperature screenings with every visit. When someone has come in contact, we immediately isolate them and begin contact tracing."

Now that the vaccinations are here, the goal shifted from caring for patients to getting as many needles into arms as possible. Leading this charge are the people who have been on the front lines throughout the pandemic: the employees, doctors, and nurses of Cornerstone Care. Reinhart says he has never seen such determination from the people he works with and it is inspiring to see how dedicated to their craft they truly are.

"As we move into the vaccination period, it has been a wonder to see our team step up and figure out how to get shots in arms," Reinhart says. "I have never seen my team so enthused and so motivated to help people. Our team has adapted to help people who may be afraid of getting sick, and they are a team on a mission. I can't thank them enough for all their hard work and dedication now and throughout the pandemic."

That mission remains the same as it has since Cornerstone Care began, to help people in need with special concern given to the underprivileged. The staff at Cornerstone Care wants to make you feel safe and help as many people as they can as we move towards getting back to a semblance of normal while keeping people protected.

Vaccines are currently available to anyone over the age of 65 or in the 1A category. To get more information about scheduling a vaccine appointment, visit their website at cornerstonecare.com/covid19_vaccine. You can also visit one of their several locations in Southwestern Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia, including their two Waynesburg location.



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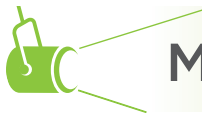
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McCracken Pharmacy

Originally established in 1961 by Jack McCracken, this local drug store has progressed in all the right ways over the years, changing where needed while keeping personal service a tradition, 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 medications, 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.



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Specialty Herbal Products

Specialty Herbal Products' motto is "getting back to the roots of healing." And they've been doing just that in Greene County for over 25 years. Owner Brian King, a registered, practicing pharmacist, started the business in his home 27 years ago, before eventually moving uptown to High Street, and then eventually to its current location at 1470 East High Street, across from Dollar General. 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, maple syrup, candles and soaps, an everyday 15% NOW products discount, and a weekly senior discount day on Wednesday.

Providing quality products is the promise that Specialty Herbal makes to all of their customers. Quality products begin with superior raw ingredients and a robust quality control protocol at every phase of the manufacturing process, including sophisticated testing procedures and certificates of analysis. If manufacturers bypass any of these protocols, you get an inferior product. "Herbs are so delicate. 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 Herbals' newest addition, CBD Hemp Oil, was brought in only after thorough research as to its effectiveness, as well as what manufacturers were the best to purchase

from. Because the Hemp Oil industry is unregulated, many companies offer cheap products that contain little to no CBD, or their CBD is tainted or synthetic. But the CBD Hemp Oil at Specialty Herbal has been carefully tested for potency and purity. The CBD oils from Bluebird Botanicals, GreenRoads, Can-Tek Labs, and Lazarus Naturals 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 in hemp seed oil. Brian feels they have four of the best CBD companies in the industry and he is really excited about their newest CBD product, Ruby Red, which is modestly priced yet contains a greater variety of cannabinoids than any product he has seen on the market.

Specialty Herbal Products was on the forefront in the COVID-19 pandemic fight, providing numerous 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. Brian agrees with the Frontline COVID-19 infection. He also believes quality herbal products like Andrographis, medicinal mushrooms, elderberry, echinacea, and astragalus have great immune stimulant and/or anti-viral properties and should be considered during this pandemic. (Use caution if on blood thinners, cardiovascular drugs, etc.) If you want sound advice and quality supplements you can trust, stop in and talk to the wonderful, knowledgeable staff at Specialty Herbal Products.



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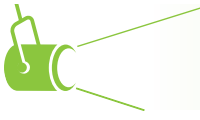
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STARS Pediatric Therapy

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Physical Therapy (P.T.) services are directed at improving a child's ability to move, participate in daily activities and function safely in their everyday routines. Physical therapists can help a child with range of motion, postural control, balance, strength, muscle tone, motor coordination and endurance utilizing a variety of therapy techniques

and equipment in a safe and fun environment to achieve functional goals.

Occupational Therapy (O.T.) may help a child who is experiencing difficulty with self-care, body and spatial awareness, handwriting, fine motor coordination, regulation of sensory input from movement, touch/textures, sounds, sights, play and social skills. Occupational therapists promote and develop a child's participation in everyday activities and facilitate a child's independence.

Speech Therapy (S.T.) may help a child be able to express themselves and communicate effectively with family and peers. Speech language therapists assess, diagnose, and treat a variety of speech and language disorders and assist with articulation disorders, communication challenges, pragmatic language, fluency, oral motor abilities and receptive and expressive language facilitating functional communication.

With a written prescription from the child's doctor, our therapists use various standardized and clinical assessments to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the child to develop individual goals and programs. Families are an integral part of the therapy team and work together with the therapist to de-

velop the child's individualized plan to obtain goals and functional outcomes. Depending on your child's individual insurance plans, therapy services may be billed through your insurance with proper authorizations.

Our mission at STARS Pediatric Therapy is for children to play, move, learn, and shine. If you have concerns about your child's development, or concerns with your child falling behind in their development such as not crawling, walking, talking, lacking play skills or difficulty regulating their emotions and attending to tasks, contact STARS Pediatric Therapy at 724-319-2043 or visit our website at www.stars4pedstherapy.com. We are located at 101 South Vine Street, Suite 1 in Carmichaels. This location is also the home of Specialized Therapy and Related Services (STARS) and the STARS Foundation.

Specialized Therapy and Related Services (STARS) is an Early Inter-

vention Program providing supports and services to infants/toddlers with developmental delay throughout Greene, Fayette, Washington, Somerset, and Bedford Counties. The STARS Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports children and families with educational and social opportunities. You can visit their website at www.stars4ourkids.com to learn more about both companies.



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Dr. Rumbaugh is a 2ND generation Chiropractor. Dr. Rumbaugh has been serving Greene County and the surrounding areas for over 33 years. In addition to his father, he has three siblings, one nephew and 5 cousins/uncles that are chiropractors. “I grew up with chiropractic and experienced firsthand the many benefits that could be achieved by chiropractic care. I knew I wanted to be a hands-on health care provider and Chiropractic fit the mold for me. It provided me the opportunity to treat patients

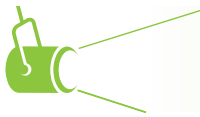
naturally, to help them feel better and return to their normal activities. I enjoy the diversity of treating patients of all ability levels and helping them achieve their goals.”

Dr. T. Curtis Jones grew up in Rogersville, PA attending West Greene High School. After high school, he attended Slippery Rock University obtaining his bachelor’s in biology. Dr. Jones attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa where he received his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree. “I am excited to be back in Greene County and I look forward to the opportunity to help serve the community that I grew up in.”

Our office is also FMCSA certified to do CDL Exams, DOT and Non-DOT drug screens, breath alcohol tests, learner’s permits and school bus physicals.

Rumbaugh Back in Action Chiropractic is open Monday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Call 724-852-1624 for an appointment. Find us online at rumbaughbacknaction.com.





First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County

During its annual meeting of members Jan. 27, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County announced it had ended 2020 with record year-end assets of \$998.5 million.

"This has been a year unlike any other year in our Association's history," said Charles W. Trump, Jr., President/CEO of First Federal of Greene County.

Against the backdrop of a global pandemic, a national election, social unrest and record low interest rates, First Federal of Greene County last year also recognized a significant change in the retirement of its ninth President/CEO, Judi Goodwin Tanner.

"For 37 years, Judi served our Association with considerable focus and a selfless commitment," Trump said. "Her leadership of nearly 8 years continued a tradition of compassion and care for our organization and its employees. Personally, I will remain incredibly grateful for her mentorship and support."

Tanner continues to serve on First Federal's 8-person Board of Directors alongside Trump, Chairman John E. Mariner, Gregory A. Parsons, Jay S. Hammers, Murray W. Hoy, Stephen M. Neubauer and Douglas A. Wilson. During the annual meeting, Hoy, Trump and Wilson 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; Barbara L. Galica, Vice President; Cynthia A. Crouse, 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; Danielle R. Tobusto, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer; and Sarah A. Westfall, Assistant Secretary.

Despite the difficulties of the year, First Federal ended 2020 with an increase of \$56 million in deposits to end the year at \$847 million. Loans closed for 2020 totaled \$127 million, to end the year at \$637 million. Both are increases over 2019 and remarkable accomplishments in a year marked by uncertainty and stress.

"Undoubtedly, the ability to navigate and

thrive in this tumultuous year was only possible through the perseverance, commitment and dedication of our employees," Trump noted in his President's Report.

"It has been said that adversity builds character and that people make the difference," Trump added. "This past year has clearly proved both notions to be true."

In addition to praising employees for their part in the Association's success, Trump recognized the Directors for their commitment to employee and customer safety and their focus on embracing technological advances that helped deliver uninterrupted service to customers.

"Our Board of Directors has demonstrated a complete and certain commitment in maintaining a strong technology front, with continued support for future enhancements," Trump reported.

One change on the horizon is the brand modernization of First Federal's mortgage loan origination subsidiary in Morgantown, W.Va. Known as First Greene Service Corporation since its opening in 1988, the subsidiary will now officially be known as First Greene Mortgage, a change that will herald a year of better brand visibility.

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 130 quarters, or more than 32 years. The rating is based on the Association's capital level, asset quality, historical trends and loan delinquencies, among other factors.

"The Association is in a strong capital position entering 2021 and stands ready to continue its standard of excellence in service to its customers, generosity to its communities and support to current and future generations," Trump noted. "A sincere thank you to all of the employees, officers and directors for the teamwork and endurance in this incredible year.

"I pray that 2021 brings health, calm and comfort, as we remain steadfast and unified in making First Federal of Greene County the best it can be."

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.

Financial Statement

December 31, 2020

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RECORD OF ASSETS

1930.....	\$192,984.54	1985.....	234,494,110.88
1935.....	216,252.57	1990.....	301,388,215.53
1940.....	1,057,638.61	1995.....	377,301,176.88
1945.....	4,306,322.25	2000.....	463,345,367.51
1950.....	9,790,325.63	2005.....	580,157,396.57
1955.....	18,448,314.80	2010.....	791,933,824.09
1960.....	31,536,730.71	2015.....	889,633,769.44
1965.....	48,549,547.67	2017.....	892,285,795.89
1970.....	66,893,424.04	2018.....	916,933,581.94
1975.....	104,196,106.12	2019.....	938,398,032.66
1980.....	178,278,782.56	2020.....	998,488,442.30



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Statement of Condition

December 31, 2020

ASSETS

Loans Receivable.....	\$636,836,295.62
Other Real Estate Owned.....	408,150.00
Cash On Hand & In Banks.....	164,017,146.59
Investment Securities.....	157,745,487.85
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock.....	597,000.00
Premises & Fixed Assets.....	12,430,138.52
Other Assets.....	26,454,223.72

TOTAL ASSETS..... \$998,488,442.30

LIABILITIES and NET WORTH

Deposits.....	\$849,390,976.76
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances.....	— 0 —
Other Liabilities.....	10,077,137.14
Equity Capital.....	139,020,328.40

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH..... \$998,488,442.30

As of December 31, 2020 First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County's Regulatory Capital Requirements were as follows:

Risk-Based Capital Ratios	REQUIRED	AVAILABLE
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital	\$30,809,564.25	\$137,420,936.00
Tier 1 Capital	\$37,411,613.74	\$137,420,936.00
Total Risk-Based Capital	\$46,214,346.38	\$139,170,936.00*

Leverage Capital Ratio		
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio	\$39,506,263.52	\$137,420,936.00

*Includes \$1,750,000 in General Loan Loss Reserves

This statement has been prepared in accordance with the regulatory reporting requirements of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). Risk Based and Leverage Capital Ratios are the elements of regulatory capital determined under such reporting requirements. Regulatory Capital is a basis by which the OCC determines whether a Savings Association is operating in a safe and sound manner. Copies of our annual audited financial statements may be obtained at our home office in Waynesburg.

We, Charles W. Trump, Jr., President / CEO and Courtney A. Schroyer, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Greene County, do hereby declare that this statement of condition has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the OCC and is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Courtney A. Schroyer

Courtney A. Schroyer, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer

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If you need accounting services in Greene County, look no further than Wilson Accounting Group. Michael Wilson may have only opened Wilson Accounting Group in January of 2021, but he's no stranger to the accounting business. Michael purchased the practice from Donnelly-Boland, where he was a member of the ownership group and manager of the Waynesburg practice for eleven years.

The practice, which provides tax, accounting, and financial services, originally

started with Jim and Millie Burns. The Burns were committed to providing quality services to the community. Wilson Accounting Group offers those same great quality services but just under a new name. Their dedicated staff includes two CPA and two QuickBook advisors.

The group has offices in both Waynesburg and Pittsburgh. "We are proud to be part of the Greene County business community," Michael shares. To reach Wilson Accounting Group, call 724-627-6491.

Appraising Greene Real Estate Services

Moving Forward and Dealing with Our Changing World

As we all step back and reflect on the year 2020 and look forward to 2021, one thing seems to remain the same - everything changes. Changes are happening in our lives and our communities. Change is happening in how much time we spend in our homes and with our families. Change is happening with our finances and employment situations. Just like everything else in our lives, change is happening in our local real estate market.

You may think that with so much change and upheaval in our world that the real estate market would be slow to non-existent right now. The opposite is true. Home sales in Greene County and the surrounding areas are up. You've likely heard the term, "a seller's market" in the past and wondered what people meant. It's simple and basic economics. When there is a high demand for an item but low availability, the price of that item will increase. This is what we are seeing in our local real estate market. Prices seem to be increasing and homes are selling. In fact, they are selling quicker than we have seen in some time.

The other factor to take into consideration with our market is the current low interest rates. Low rates are making buying a home an attrac-

tive option. This is especially true to those who are renting and those looking to upgrade their current residences. The low interest rates are also very attractive to current home owners looking to refinance their mortgages and lower their monthly bills.

With the many changes we are seeing in our lives, one thing remains the same. Appraising Greene Real Estate Services will be here to help you with our changing real estate market. My office continues to offer state-certified residential appraisal reports. If you need your home, farm or vacant land appraised, please feel free to contact me for assistance. Whether you need the appraisal for estate planning, loan financing, tax appeals, divorce proceedings or need help to determine what you should ask for your property, I'm available to help.

Appraising Greene Real Estate Services is a full-service real estate brokerage and appraisal office. My office is based in Carmichaels and my coverage area is all of Greene County and parts of Washington and Fayette. Let my 26 years of experience in this market guide you through your changing real estate needs.

I look forward to working with you in the future. Until then, stay safe.

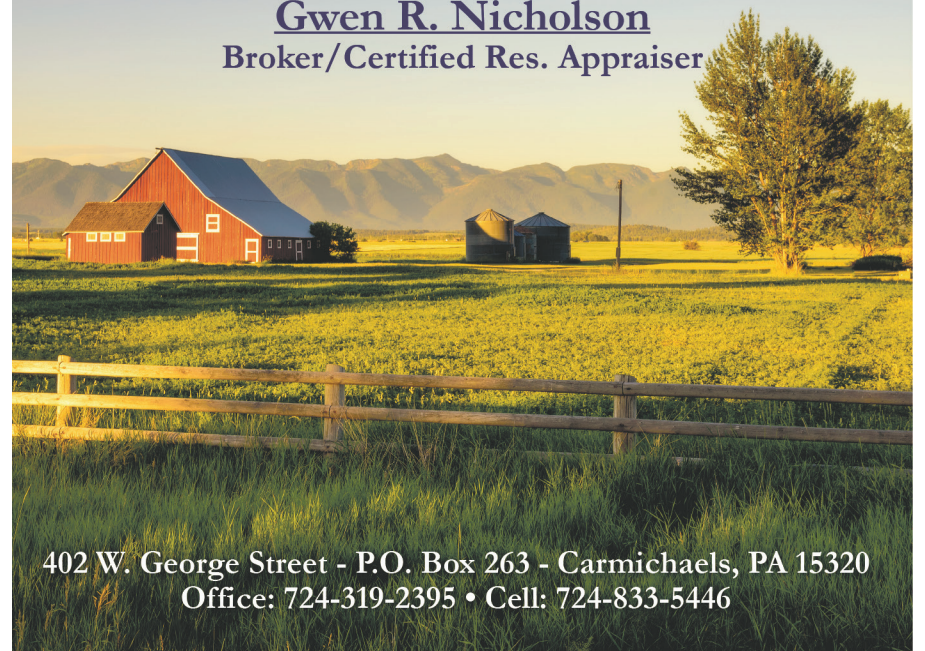
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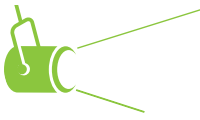
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Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center

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 2016, 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 canoes and 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 exclusive to first-time and youth anglers under the age of 12, 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."



A little girl and her father celebrating her first big catch at Dunlap Creek Lake.



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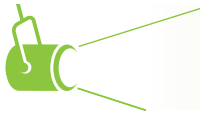
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Outpatient Addiction Recovery Service

Outpatient Addiction Recovery Services Now in Carmichaels

Out of a necessity to help the communities hurt the most by drug addiction, Dr. Bryan Negrini, M.D., M.P.H. founded Opioid Addiction Recovery Services (OARS) in 2015 to provide help for those struggling with substance use disorders in the counties of western Pennsylvania hardest hit by addiction. Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine, in 2020, Dr. Negrini made the transition from Opioid Addiction Recovery Services to Outpatient Addiction Recovery Services to reach more people struggling with chemical addictions, including opioids.

Substance use addiction recovery requires a multi-pronged approach. In addition to Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) options, which are proven to significantly improve the odds of a successful recovery from many substance use disorders, OARS requires patients to see drug and alcohol counselors, connects patients to social workers who help with housing, employment, and transportation, works with family members to help them understand their loved one's addiction and recovery process, and tends to physical and mental health concerns by treating patients where possible and referring them to the correct specialists when medically necessary. All these pieces come together to make substance use disorder recovery possible.

OARS looks at the entirety of a patient instead of just treating the symptoms. Handpicked, addiction experienced providers (Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners), Master's level counselors, and staff look at family history, medical history, and more to meet patients where they are in their recovery journey, without judgement and shame.

The substance use disorders we treat are Alcohol Use, Cannabis Use, Hallucinogen Use, Inhalant Use, Opioid Use, Sedative, Hypnotic, and Anxiolytic Use, Stimulant Use, Tobacco Use, and Gambling Disorder (not substance related).

We believe in science. It tells us that addiction is a chronic brain disease (the neurochemistry changes when one has a substance use disorder), and, like diseases such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease, it cannot be cured, but it can be managed with treatment. We also believe in evidence, recovery, and, most of all, our patients. Each of these beliefs is what leads to a successful recovery for our patients.

With a 91 percent six month retention rate, a 79 percent one year retention rate, and countless lives saved since 2015, OARS is the safe place to talk about substance use disorder concerns, the safe place for individualized treatment programs to be determined by our providers working in concert with our patients, and most importantly the safe place to recover.

More OARS locations are opening in the Western Pennsylvania region in communities that need it most. Our newest location is now seeing patients in Carmichaels. Other locations include Aliquippa, Butler, New Castle, Mt Washington, and Washington.

OARS is always accepting patients, accepts all major health insurances, and has affordable payments for those without insurance, because the cost of addiction is already high enough.

If you or someone you love is struggling with a substance use addiction, call OARS today at 724-912-6277 to

learn more about the treatments we offer, to talk to staff that will educate you on next steps, and to make your first appointment at the Carmichaels location. We will be the safe place you or your loved one need to get the proper care and help.



Outpatient Addiction Recovery Service office in Carmichaels is dedicated to providing quality outpatient addiction care.





Introducing
OARS
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In a challenging year for many, rates for all substance use disorders, isolation, and mental health concerns have increased. With the opening of our clinic in Greene County, we're continuing our reach in the Western PA region by providing help where it's needed most and, ultimately, helping our patients who have struggled with their chemical dependency get their lives back.

These are categories of substance use disorders we treat at OARS:

- Alcohol
- Cannabis
- Hallucinogens
- Inhalants
- Opioids
- Sedatives, Hypnotics, & Anxiolytics
- Stimulants
- Tobacco
- Gambling (not substance related)

How do you know if you have a substance abuse disorder? Take our quiz to find out. Each 'yes' answer is one point.

1. Do you regularly take any of the above substances in larger amounts or for longer than you're meant to?
a. Yes b. No
2. Do you want to cut down or stop using the substance but are unable to?
a. Yes b. No
3. Are you spending a lot of time getting, using, or recovering from the substance?
a. Yes b. No
4. Do you get cravings and urges to use the substance?
a. Yes b. No
5. Are you unable to accomplish things at work, home, or school because of substance use?
a. Yes b. No
6. Are you continuing to use, even when it causes problems in relationships?
a. Yes b. No

7. Are you giving up important social, occupational, or recreational activities because of substance use?

- a. Yes b. No

8. Are you using substances again and again, even when it puts you in danger?

- a. Yes b. No

9. Are you continuing to use, even though you know you have a physical or psychological problem that could have been caused or made worse by the substance?

- a. Yes b. No

10. Do you need more of the substance to get the effect (high) you want?

- a. Yes b. No

11. Are you developing of withdrawal symptoms and relieving it by taking more of the substance?

- a. Yes b. No

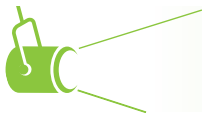
How many points did you get?

If you scored **1-4 points**, you have a **MILD** substance use disorder.
If you scored **5-7 points**, you have a **MODERATE** substance use disorder.
If you scored **8-11 points**, you have a **SEVERE** substance use disorder.

Whether you have a mild, moderate, or severe substance use disorder or to learn more about our Medicated Assisted Treatment and Counseling Services, call **724-912-OARS (6277)** or visit **oarsmat.com**.



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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. Jesse 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 originally began 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, the Clarksville, PA 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 Jesse'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."

Jesse has high hopes for the future of his



Jesse Pento and Sandy Prosperity-Magic at their ribbon cutting of Pento Homecare Agency.

company, especially since the ongoing pandemic has increased the need for home health aides across the country. In May 2020, the company moved to a brand-new office with upgraded internal systems and extra space to accommodate more employees and clients. He hopes to raise awareness of home-based healthcare for all individuals who need his services, even those with low or fixed incomes, those who live in more rural areas, and even younger disabled people trying to live independent lives. Most

of all, Jesse 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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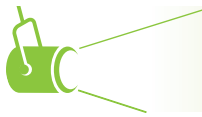
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"This way we can train people with incrementalism. We don't have to put an explosive device in their hand on day one," Alex says. "That's a bit nerve racking for people who have never experienced it."

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Bedillion Honey Farm

When Sarah Bedillion and her family began Bedillion Honey Farm in 2004, they could never have imagined how the business would take off. They started with one hive in Hickory, PA with the goal of selling fresh homemade honey. "Since we started, it has absolutely blown our minds," Sarah says. "We are now up to 700 beehives with a goal of getting to 1,000, and we have 25 locations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio."

Honey isn't all that Bedillion Honey Farm has to offer its guests. Their shop offers guests

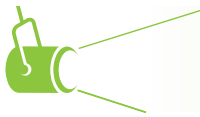
the chance to learn about bee farming and taking care of these amazing creatures. "We love when people come to check out our shop," Sarah shares. "It's a cute shop, and we offer an observation beehive and pictures of bees around the shop. We like to tell people about what we do, and we help educate people about bee keeping."

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Washington Health System

It has been quite a year. Despite the pressure that the pandemic has put on healthcare systems around the world, WHS has accomplished some exciting growth and improvements. Our dedication to the health of our patients remains steadfast in these challenging times, and we continue to evaluate the ways we can expand our offerings and improve the lives of our patients.

Responding to the COVID-19 Crisis

Our top priority in the past year has been doing our part to help control the COVID-19 virus. This has meant treating patients with acute symptoms of the virus as well as taking measures to keep all of our patients safe and healthy.

- We created respiratory clinics so that anyone with COVID-19 symptoms could be seen separately from other patients. Isolating potential COVID-19 patients ensures that patients are not exposed to the virus.
- We increased access to virtual appointments in 2020, so that many patients can receive medical treatment from the safety of their home.
- Pregnant mothers are encouraged to take home blood pressure cuffs so that they can take their own blood pressure and report it during virtual routine checkups.
- We provide virtual pregnancy education for local women.
- We were the first in Washington County to provide COVID testing in March 2020.
- Began treating COVID-19 patients with a cutting-edge antibody drug in December 2020. This treatment can help reduce the severity of the virus and keep people out of the hospital.
- We opened three outpatient COVID-19 vaccine sites in February 2021.
- At the time of this publication, WHS has administered the largest number of vaccines in Washington and Greene Counties. Right now, demand far exceeds supply, but we are committed to quickly administer vaccines as we receive supply. To find more information on whether you qualify for the vaccine at WHS and how to make an appointment, please visit www.whs.org/covid.

WHS Lung Screening Program

We introduced our new lung screening program in 2020, an opportunity for high-risk patients to monitor risk and access early detection of lung cancer. Qualifying patients will receive yearly CT scans, which are covered by most insurance plans. Clinical studies have shown a 20% decrease in lung cancer deaths when patients were regularly screened.

Raising the Bar on Obstetrical Care

- WHS received the Health Grades 2020 Labor and Delivery Excellence Award, a distinction that places us in the top 10% of all hospitals evaluated in the nation, by providing exceptional care of mothers and babies. Patients in hospitals with this distinction have a 40% lower risk of experiencing a complication than if they were in a hospital that did not receive the award.
- WHS also received the Healthgrades five-star distinction for vaginal deliveries for the sixth year in a row, as well as the five-star distinction for c-section delivery two years in a row.
- We finished the construction of our WHS CARE Center for Family Birth and Women's Health in the spring of 2020. The unit was designed with the input of community mothers and doctors. The renovation includes features that enhance the comfort of the mother and family while tak-

ing into account how the space can best be designed for doctors and nurses to work efficiently. This includes two nurses' stations for quick response to patients.

- Within the new CARE Center for Family Birth and Women's Health we also have a level 2 special care nursery designed to care for babies with additional medical needs. Also, a highly trained neonatal team member is present at every birth in our hospital.

Advancements in Cardiology

- WHS received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain—MI Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award for 2020, only one of 124 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor. Our cardiology department is committed to treating heart attack patients to the highest degree of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association. Participants in the registry use data to improve quality of care, thereby positively affecting outcomes of heart attack patients.
- We began providing new cardiac procedures known as TAVR and WATCHMAN, opening the door to less invasive surgical methods and improved outcomes for aortic valve stenosis and atrial fibrillation.

Investing in the Future

Our greatest resource is our people. There are many factors that have led to an increased demand for nurses: a growing emphasis on preventative care, aging baby boomers and the rising rate of chronic conditions like obesity and diabetes.

To help fill our need for excellent nurses, WHS Greene launched a tuition repayment program to help local nurses pay off student loans and guarantee a career with our hospital system. Qualifying candidates must provide proof of outstanding student loan debt. WHS Greene will pay up to \$10,000 in return for a two-year service contract.

Each year, the employee may reapply for an additional \$10,000 in loan repayment for an additional two-year contract. Through the program, nurses may qualify for up to \$30,000 in loan repayment for a six-year service agreement at WHSG.

WHS has also extended tuition assistance for phlebotomists and medical assistants. We granted five local students with a full scholarship to a phlebotomist training program and guaranteed them a position at WHS upon completing the five-week program. We plan to offer more scholarships in the future.

A similar program was created for medical assistants. We offered full scholarships to complete the MA training program at WHS in exchange for a two-year contract with WHS.

WHS is committed to investing in our staff and the quality of care they provide.

Wellness is a Lifestyle

In October 2020, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the WHS Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center. Our wellness center has been committed to improving the health of the community through its commitment to mindset, nutrition, movement and recovery.

Plans for celebrations were dashed by the safety and financial impact of the

COVID-19 pandemic. However, the center honored its commitment to the community by taking all the necessary precautions to remain open to its members.

The Wellness Center opened in 2000 and has retained 2000 of its charter members, including a member who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Members can take advantage of fitness classes, the aquatics program, health and wellness programs and physical therapy. Many people come to the Wellness Center for physical therapy and stay for the community and healthy lifestyle.

WHS Greene

We have made a number of improvements at WHS Greene in Waynesburg in the past year.

- We renovated inpatient rehab unit at WHS Greene to better serve our patients including those that need swing bed services. In the swing bed unit, patients who meet specific qualifications can receive extra care before being released from the hospital. The program combines medical care and rehabilitation, led by a team of doctors, nurses and rehabilitators and others, to allow the patient to return to his or her regular activities. In February 2020, WHS opened a spacious first-floor rehab gym. The gym features exercise equipment, assistive devices and spaces that simulate a real home, including a kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Patients and their families can learn how to maneuver their homes safely and perform everyday tasks in a practical way.
- We also updated the Emergency Room at WHS Greene. The goal of the aesthetic improvements is to decrease stress and create a calming environment for patients and their families.

Thank you.

We could not have made it through this past year without the hard work and dedication of our amazing staff. Everyone stepped up to take on extra responsibilities. We thank them for their tireless work and selfless dedication.

We would also like to thank the community for their outpouring of support for our healthcare workers. You, our neighbors, made thousands of donations in the form of handmade masks, snacks, financial donations and more. Seeing the community come together during such uncertain times gives us hope for the future and the great things to come in the next year.





WHS COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

WHS is currently vaccinating patients of our outpatient practices, as well as other residents of Washington and Greene County, that are in the Phase 1A category.

For more locations, details and to request an appointment visit whs.org/covid



If you already registered for a vaccine through our online vaccination request form, we thank you for your patience through this process. The amount of eligible residents in our area FAR exceeds the vaccine supply at this time. Our team is working very hard to get everyone scheduled based on our vaccine supply.

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WVU Medicine Surgeons Help Amputee Live Without Pain



Losing a limb is often a worst-case scenario in someone's mind, but for Ron Sanchez, 42, of Huntington, West Virginia, it was his best option. After having his foot crushed in a logging accident as a teen, Sanchez spent more than 20 years with a foot that caused him pain and disability.

"It was a freak accident that the log came off the machine that way and crushed my foot," Sanchez said. "The doctors did what they could to repair the injuries, but it was so badly damaged that it would never be right again."

After years of pain and surgical procedures, Sanchez developed an infection in his foot that left a portion of the bone exposed. He and his doctors agreed that a below the knee amputation was the best course of treatment.

After his amputation, Sanchez continued to feel pain in his leg, experiencing complex regional pain syndrome and phantom limb pain. He tried treatments including mirror therapy, but nothing helped.

"Phantom limb pain is so hard to describe," Sanchez said. "It's like sticking your leg in a bucket of water that's being electrified. I would be going about my day and be stopped by the pain that would last three or four hours."

Phantom limb pain can be debilitating and often takes a psychological toll. Many amputees struggle with the condition, with the unbearable pain leading some to take their own lives. This, combined with complex regional pain syndrome, a neurological condition common among amputees that causes the brain to send excessive signals to an injured area, made it difficult for Sanchez to work and enjoy life with his family.

"I had so much pain that they didn't think I would ever be able to wear a prosthetic," Sanchez said. "I was on the path to wind up in a wheelchair, and that wasn't a life I wanted for myself. I have my family to take care of, so I was ready to try anything to move past this."

Sanchez spoke to his provider at the Hanger Clinic in Huntington, looking for answers. He had heard of targeted muscle reinnervation (TMR) and researched options for Sanchez close to home, referring him to Jack Gelman, M.D., WVU Medicine plastic surgery associate program director.

"TMR is a surgical procedure that transfers nerves from another area of the amputated limb into new muscle at the amputation site," Dr. Gelman said. "This technique can be used to treat phantom limb and other forms of nerve pain that are commonly experienced by amputees."

TMR can be performed on both upper- and lower-limb amputees. In addition to relieving pain, it can also be used to implant nerves in the appropriate location to provide bioelectric signals to prosthetics, making their use more intuitive.

"We are just now venturing into providing bioelectric prostheses to our patients," Gelman said. "TMR can be performed at the time of the amputation, making the transition from amputation to prosthetic use much easier while largely preventing phantom limb pain. These patients will be ready to transition to the use of bioelectric prostheses much faster than those who have not had the procedure."

Sanchez, who received the treatment years after his original injury and amputation, said the benefits have been life changing.

"I went from living in near-constant pain to having very little, if any pain," Sanchez said. "I'm able to wear a prosthetic now and walk around at work without any issue. This procedure has not only changed my life by taking away my pain, but it has inspired me to take better care of my health. I've gained a lot of weight over the years because I just wasn't able to get around. Now, I'm getting up and moving more because I want to live a long time to take care of my kids and grandkids."

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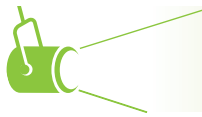
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It's a great opportunity to see new models and talk to factory reps, even watch demos. And an opportunity to save big on all parts for equipment and implements from New Holland & Massey Ferguson, Krone, Woods, Echo, Shindaiwa, Land Pride, and others. 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.

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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...please come and enjoy it."

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