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Hundred Mayor Chip Goff



Old Hundred



This cabin was built by Hundred high school students.

The landscape of Hundred, WV is popping with new happenings, yet things still feel as comfortable as a home cooked meal.

Truth is, everything in Hundred is a family affair, generations in the making - and tasty too. (We'll get to the homemade pies later!)

"Henry Church is one of my great greats on my mother's side of the family, the Butchers," Barber Dave Reishell tells me. We're talking family history in between walk-in haircuts at the shop he operates on High Street in Waynesburg, tucked behind 7-11 near the banks of Ten Mile Creek.

Henry Church, or Old Hundred died in 1860 at age 109, bequeathing his well-earned nickname to the town that grew up around the cabin he built on Fish Creek. Family lore says he got there sometime in the late 1700s. The original deed was verified and the land was had for a musket, according to great uncle Richard Butcher, who always had a story for Dave as he was growing up.

When Dave took up the torch of family historian, he learned that Henry Church was a Kings Guard assigned to Lord Cornwallis when the British pushed south to the Carolinas during the end days of the seven-year war that won America its independence. He was taken prisoner by Lafayette's army in Petersburg, Virginia and turned over to a family in Chester County, Pennsylvania "on his honor. He fell in love with the daughter."

Family lore doesn't say when Henry and his Quaker wife Hanna crossed the Alleghenies and took old Indian trails to start their new life, first in Wadestown, then further downstream on Fish Creek. But a legend was born in 1852 when Old Hundred and his wife could be seen rocking on the porch and waving as the B&O Railroad passed through town.

To those who live here, or, like Dave have deep family ties, this community seems timeless and never changing. But when the flood of July 2017 poured through town, uprooting some of that past, something new was born. Balancing those two realities is taking me on State Rt. 18 South once more, dropping off the Warrior Trail at Nettle Hill onto the Penn-

sylvania side of Fish Creek, where all streams flow to the Ohio River. Climbing the hill from New Freeport to Garrison then down to Hundred, Route 18 crosses the Mason Dixon Line and becomes State Route 69. There, the first post-flood change is a welcome surprise. The newly paved macadam road and its crisp yellow lines leads to the edge of town, then turns into Pennsylvania

Avenue before dead ending at State Route 250. New signage includes a neighborly note that four-wheelers are allowed on the streets with a town permit.

The hard work and new technology that Mayor Chip Goff, council members, first responders and the community at large have initiated since the flood sparkle in the afternoon light. The narrow feeder stream that hugs the left edge of the road showed its might in 2017 when it took out the bleachers of the football field on its way to destroying the fire station and its equipment and damaging dozens of homes and establishments, leaving a war zone in its wake. Now fresh paint and new construction are the norm. The community swimming pool, playground and pavilion are ready for summer and the new fire station is impressive. Hundred received state of the art fire and rescue equipment including three fire engines and a rescue ambulance that belongs to the county along with two of its own, according to the Tyler Star News when fire chief Keith Williams was interviewed in 2021.

Hundred continued to make the news that year as the grants and funding sources acquired after the flood were put to good use, removing damaged properties and repairing and rebuilding to attract new business to Pennsylvania Avenue while keeping the old ones up and running.

"I took the job with the idea of making a difference, now I believe we have to go a step further and create an amazing town," Goff told the Wetzel Chronicle. On "The Town of Hundred" website that difference can be seen, read and responded to. It gives residents easy access to paying bills and contacting officials and outsiders get a window into the fun to be had when visiting.

Memories of the flood are still there to be reckoned

with as residents work through loss, including what the pandemic year of 2020 had to offer. But the wartime mindset also brought out the best and that camaraderie is alive and well.

"It was fun considering the circumstances," Rose Teagarden of Teagarden's Treasures had a smile that matched the streaks of happy color in her hair when I stopped to say hello and take a look at her new digs in the old Alpine Theater. This is where generations of kids watched Westerns in the 1940s and later, folks came to enjoy live bands when Rose's father had it open as a music venue. "When the flood hit we lost everything and had to move from our old store but the donations came in from everywhere and haven't stopped. We work together. People are so giving." The shop puts together basket raffles to pay for gas cards for doctors appointments and Rose is proud of the volunteer work that has been done in Hundred to help cancer survivors through Relay for Life and other community support groups and organizations.

"When people need help they know they can find it here. If you have something to give, we can take it."

The Alpine sign still hangs above the stage filled with bridal gowns and the dance floor is a waltz of clothing racks, furniture, house goods and toys for those in need, free for the asking. Up front are the treasures Rose has for sale. When you stop by expect to say hello to Sara Price of Smithfield who smiles when I ask how she got here. "I came to help with the flood and stayed to volunteer with Rose."

Further down the street the second hand bookstore takes the overflow from the Hundred Library and sells it for spare change; next-door is the senior center and on the corner the old brick bank building that has seen many reincarnations now houses We Care, a food distribution center for the community.

Across the street is where the tasty part of Hundred begins but hardly ends.

Allison's Pizza just opened near the fire station and at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue, the nineteenth century building that houses the Rt. 250 Corner Café is a blast from the past complete with antiques in the window. Freshly remodeled, this long established eatery welcomes you to come on in and enjoy

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the home cooking that happens here. What's the special besides plenty of homemade pies? Bake Steak on Wednesdays brings in diners from Mannington and the garbage plate breakfast platter makes some folks across the state line - a fact I can vouch for. The menu can be found online, along with all the daily specials.

Hang a left on 250 and go half a mile and you'll find the one and only Miss Blue's Restaurant. Homemade pies of course and peanut butter cake, plus breakfasts like grandma made and food that get praises from strangers online, where the menu can also be found.

Here on the eastern side of town a small, well tended covered bridge strikes a picture perfect pose as it crosses Fish Creek. Lori's Cup of Joe Coffee Cabin along the trail is wonderfully adorable but unfortunately closed so I headed to Hundred Library just as school was letting out across the road to learn more about this DIY town that's been holding on to its history and sense of community even when the weather's against you for decades, maybe centuries. I finally got myself loose from this place where I'm making new friends just by stopping by and headed home to Greene County.

Those who want to grab a homemade pie for the road are in luck. When I stopped by Four Sisters Market going west on 250 I found a rack of pies by the register and a display by the deli that showed what it looked like in 2017 when Fish Creek



*This picture at Four Sisters Market shows the night of the 2017 flood.*

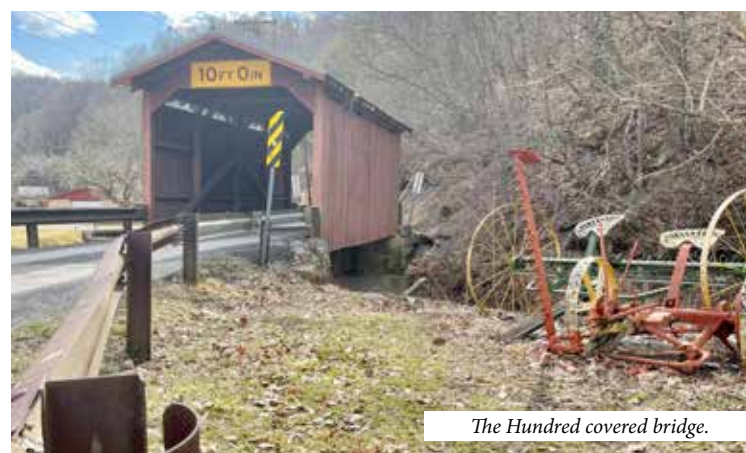
jumped the bank and left its mark a few feet up on the outside wall.

Those days are history now, hung on walls to remember things did get pretty wild but here we are.

If you're from Hundred, you know - it all goes better with a piece of homemade pie.



*Allison's is a new eatery in Hundred, WV.*



*The Hundred covered bridge.*

# GreeneScene of the Past

By Colleen Nelson

I found this old photograph in Hundred Library's tastefully historic rest room, flanked by a framed sketch of Henry "Old Hundred" Church, the town centurion who waved at the trains as they passed through in the days before the Civil War. Old Hundred's 109-year timeline is now the stuff of legend, but the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has its own place in history as the first railroad granted charter in the United States.

It broke ground on July 4, 1828 and when it got to Hundred in 1852, 101 year old Henry and his wife Hanna, 98 were there on their porch to greet the first train. They would continue to make their presence known until their deaths in 1860, a few short months before the Civil War.

It's a good guess that Henry and Hanna would have heard the news, along with everyone else in town, about abolitionist John Brown and his raiders attacking Harpers Ferry, Virginia the night of October 16, 1859, attempting to seize the federal arsenal and lead a slave rebellion. A B&O bridge leading to the ferry was seized, along with a locomotive, before soldiers arrived within days to overrun the raiders. Brown was tried for treason and hanged on December 2.

The failed raid stoked the political tensions that would lead to war in 1861. The skirmishes, attacks, bombed bridges, and destroyed and stolen trains would continue throughout the war as both sides fought to control the railroad and its telegraph lines that carried Union soldiers, supplies, ammunition, and information to defend Washington D.C. and eventually win the war for Lincoln.

The northern portion of Virginia rebelled and voted against secession in 1861, then sued for statehood. There would be scores of bloody battles over control of the B&O Railroad's many lines before Union-loving West Virginia was recognized as a state, on June 20, 1863.

A July 8, 1863, a newspaper clipping that Sam Snyder of Fairmont, WV found in the digital archives of the Ohio County Library tells us that "people of Littleton and Burton station having determined on a Pic Nic celebration of the 88th anniversary of our birth as a nation" gathered on the "flat by Etons tunnel a mile east of Littleton." A bower, 40 by 110 feet and covered with fir boughs laced with flowers was built and although the morning of the 4th was a soaker, by 11 a.m. the sun came out, the excursion train from Cameron came steaming in, Stoy's band from Waynesburg came to play and neighbors arrived from every hill and valley, with their Pic Nic baskets full, to celebrate the birthday of the United States, including the new state of West Virginia they were now living in.

Many newly appointed state officials spoke that day and "all agreed that our country must stand one and inseparable, under one flag and one destiny."

Fast forward a few decades and here we are, looking at the Hundred Depot and the folks waiting there for the train to come rolling in.

This crisply detailed old photograph might be a family



print, with some scribbles still intact. "Ask her how to dress like the queen of hearts" brings up images of costume parties and happy faces; the colored shirts livening the platform and the tinted buildings and grass are touches someone gave to this frozen moment in time that make it feel like it was only yesterday we saw that plume of smoke roiling as the train pulled out of Hundred.

Take a walk on the old rail bed today and you'll find it has a nicely finished surface, from the Rt. 7 turn off, following the edge of town past Pennsylvania Avenue, past the new log cabin that Hundred High School students built and installed in 2021 to commemorate Old Hundred's home place, then out of town along Fish Creek to the Dairy Delight where it trails off into gravel for the journey to Littleton.

And while you're here enjoying Hundred's latest transformation of the past, take some snapshots. Imagine how they will look 100 years from now, as new eyes are deciphering the crisp colors of the buildings around you - Miss Blue's Restaurant, the Americana whimsy of

Lori's Cup of Joe Coffee Cabin, the glint of the Dollar Store in the distance, the rectangular edges of the school buildings across the road. There will be no mistaking the fun the kids are having, roller skating and skateboarding as they share space and good times with bikers, hikers and families with strollers. How about that open sided building with benches where people are relaxing as they watch friends and families play? Something about the shape might remind the historian in some future self that people used to wait for a train along this path, a long, long time ago.



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**EVA K BOWLBY LIBRARY**

The library is inviting patrons/citizens to submit original poems to the library beginning April 1 through April 15. The competition will be broken down into the following categories:

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade
- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- 9th Grade - 12th Grade
- Adults

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**FLENNIKEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The library is inviting community members to submit original poems to the library until April 22. The competition will be broken down into the following categories:

- Pre-K - 6th Grade
- 7th Grade - 12th Grade
- Adults

The Library is accepting submissions in-person at the library (102 E. George Street, Carmichaels, PA 15320) or through their website [flenniken.org](http://flenniken.org). Submissions are due April 22 and winners will be announced April 29.



# SHINING THE LIGHT

By Colleen Nelson

When East Ward School on 176 N. Porter St. in Waynesburg became Landmark Baptist Church in 1997, Pastor Arnold Watts, his family and a handful of new parishioners got together and did the heavy duty cleaning and remodeling it took to turn the handsome old brick school built in 1917 into a place to worship, learn and grow to become “A Church with a Heart in the Heart of Waynesburg.”

Today the old building has a new addition, Pastor Watts is still preaching, and on April 24, Landmark Baptist Church invites the public in to celebrate its 25th anniversary with a banquet and new building dedication starting at 5 p.m.

You may have already met parishioners on “Soul Winning” Wednesdays and Saturdays when they are out and about in pairs, knocking on doors to share their message and invite those they meet to join them in church.

The new addition is an auditorium-sized chapel with great acoustics, thanks to the many baffled panels on the walls that brother Jeremy Parker spent countless hours hanging. Every part of this spiritually communal construction project has felt the touch of church volunteers, from those baffles to the drywall and painting to the bulldozing that was done by church member Don Shriver to ready the foundation, Pastor Watts told me when I stopped by to see the finished product and catch up on church activities. The church found ways to continue during the pandemic, from online services to building an awning over the top of the outside ramp so that Pastor Watts could preach outdoors

to parishioners who stayed in their cars. Throughout those months, the new auditorium was built, one workday at a time.

The church uses the school classrooms for teaching Sunday Schools for all ages from toddler to the elderly on Sunday and also as Landmark Baptist Academy for 18 students age pre-K to graduation, who do classes online four days a week. To date there have been two graduates and by next year there will be two more, secretary Marcela Siordia said when I called later to get more details. Members wear many hats and Marcy is no exception. Her own life story took her from California to New York, then to Waynesburg two years ago. “My life was transformed – now I’m the secretary!” Marcy also drives one of the vans that the church uses to spread the word beyond the neighborhood by bringing in for services and events those with transportation needs. “You’ll find me at the back of the auditorium on Sunday. I speak Spanish so I translate the sermon for a parishioner. If you come next Sunday you can sit with me.”

Sunday Schools begin at 10 a.m. and includes a nursery for infants. When Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. kids have their own services and parishioners age 12 and older gather in the auditorium to hear Pastor Watts preach.

More information, including to RSVP for the 25th Anniversary Banquet or to listen to recent sermons is online at [www.lbcwaynesburg.net](http://www.lbcwaynesburg.net) or call 724-627-4058

After a sermon filled with live music and heartfelt testimonials the congregation of Landmark Baptist Church gathered at the altar for this photo. The public is invited to LBC’s 25th anniversary banquet and building dedication April 24.



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## Cool at School

By Zack Zeigler

### CARMICHAELS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Most of the time, the only place you ever get to see owls, falcons, and other birds of prey is in the wild. However, for students at Carmichaels Area High School, these majestic animals were brought right to their classroom. It was all part of the Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia's (ACCA) visit to the school as they brought four birds of prey to students in sixth, eighth, and 10th grade science.

"It was a unique opportunity because we have a lot of speakers who talk about a lot of different subjects, but no one can hold your attention like a bird of prey," says Carmichaels Area High School 10th grade science teacher Kevin Willis. "That experience of seeing the birds up close is invaluable and will help instill in them an appreciation for these birds."

The ACCA brought five birds of prey with them and four of those birds made appearances for the students. Among the birds they got to meet were a screech owl, American kestrel, peregrine falcon, and a red-tailed hawk. The birds dictate whether or not they will come out for the show, and these four birds wowed the students. They flapped their wings, cawed, and showed off their size and strength. It was a chance for the students to not only see these birds up close and personal, but also learn about the birds and their

behaviors in the wild.

"It was pure amazement from all the students when the birds come out of their crates," says Willis. "They start in crates and when they come out it's a 'Wow!' moment. They get to note each bird's size and key characteristics that you aren't going to see when you see these birds in the wild."

"For example, when the peregrine falcon came out, they gave it a bird and it was tearing it up. It gave the kids a chance to see what they do, mauling their prey, and we talked about what they do in comparison to the other birds that were presented."

The students were also given the ability to help the continued efforts to preserve these majestic creatures. "After the presentation, they asked for donations of items to help the center with their everyday needs," says Willis. "So, the students in sixth grade and eighth grade, along with my students, collected different items they needed for the facility. There was the usual stuff like paper towels, soap, and other things, but my favorite item was a gift certificate to rodentpro.com."

The students were able to give back as

they learned the importance of bird conservation. If you would also like to make a donation to help ACCA's efforts, [accawv.org](http://accawv.org).

At the end of the day, the biggest thing for Willis is giving his students experiences that will prepare them for their future. He thanks the administration, faculty, and staff for all of their support and for allowing him to bring opportunities like this to his students.

"It takes a lot of time to set these things up, but whenever you get to actually have the day with the birds here and see the students' reaction makes it worth it," says Willis. "We are very fortunate to be able to do these things for our students. I've had so many students go on and pursue these types of careers and it is because of these opportunities. Resilience, experience, and career are what drives all of our decisions."



ACCA Volunteer, Heather with an American Kestrel. Sophia Zalar and Faith Willis look on holding the Kestrel information poster.

# Public Service Profile

By Danielle Nyland

## THE HAT PROJECT

Everyone that I came across that knew Tiffany looked to her as inspiration," says Tracey Gardone. Tracey and his wife Cheryl are the founders of The Hat Project. The Hat Project started as a celebration of his daughter Tiffany's life and has developed into an organization dedicated to providing head covering to cancer patients and supporting cancer groups.

Tiffany first became ill in the late fall 2008. After a round of testing and medications with no results, she received a CT scan of her chest. There was a mass in her chest and she needed a biopsy. After the first biopsy, they believed she had Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. A second biopsy was completed, and they officially diagnosed her with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Tiffany began a regimen of ABVD chemo drugs every two weeks for eight months. This was her first round of losing her hair and her collection of fashionable hats. In January 2010, they considered Tiffany cancer free; she would deliver her first child that November.

While completing dental school, Tiffany had a second child, and then got a job as a dental hygienist in Waynesburg. But in April 2015, she received bad news: triple negative breast cancer. She had a double mastectomy, chemo and radiation, and multiple surgeries. In the summer of 2018, she began experiencing headaches and lost mobility on her left side. The breast cancer had metastasized to her brain.

Tiffany started full brain radiation. She received additional radiation for cancer in her spine, and chemo infusions followed. She also began a new immunotherapy that had not yet been FDA approved.

As Tiffany's illness progressed, she kept important items close by—especially her head coverings. And as her eyesight weakened, it became harder for her to keep track of the items. She would always ask her dad, "Where is my hat? What did you do with my hat?"

Eventually, Tracey had a moment where he realized Tiffany was always misplacing her hat, and that he had written a song titled "What Didjya Do With Muh Hat?" many years ago. Each time she would ask for her hat, it reminded Tracey of his unfinished song.

It appeared the new drug was

working as Tiffany recovered, and by April, the cancer in her body was gone. But the drug did not cross the blood-brain barrier, and the cancer in her brain did not resolve. Tiffany passed away on December 11, 2019.

After her passing, Tracey reflected on how much the song was like Tiffany and her approach to life: fun, exciting, and lively. He finished the song and dedicated it to his daughter. As a bonus, they would donate funds raised by the song to cancer causes.

Tracey worked together with area musicians to complete the song, and they gathered at the Vault recording studio in Pittsburgh to complete the recording. They sent the master to Flying Scooter Productions in Pittsburgh. They compiled the completed video for The Hat Project with pictures of Tiffany and the song. The American Cancer Society promoted the song on its network.

The Hat Project began collecting donations to support their mission. They received many donations from organizations and people in the area, including generous donations from First Federal S&L of Greene County and individuals.

"We're preparing to complete our first order of hats, and after the hats are ordered, we expect about a four-to-six-week lead time before they are in hand," Tracey says. Once in hand, the hats will be provided to community cancer patients and gift boxes with free hats may be placed in area cancer treatment centers.

"I especially want to reach out to the disadvantaged community members going through cancer treatment, those that can't afford head coverings."

If you are beginning treatment or know someone that is, please reach out to the Hat Project via their website at [trgardone.com](http://trgardone.com). Also contact them if you are interested in collaborating with the project, donating, or providing hats.



Tiffany Gardone

A photograph of a pregnant woman in blue jeans and a red top, holding a white pregnancy test. The test is showing a pink line, indicating a positive result. The background is a wooden floor.

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# County Conversations

## DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

The mission of the Greene County Department of Recreation is to create programs and provide facilities that allow both the residents of Greene County and visitors to enjoy their leisure time in the county.

In addition to providing social and leisure activities to community members, the Department of Recreation plays a large part in the tourism industry for Greene County. Attractions like the Greene River Trail, airport, roller rink, and fairgrounds draw visitors in from all over the area. Attracting these people is necessary to our growing tourism industry in Greene, and through their facilities and programming, the Department of Recreation continues to bring people into our community.

The Department of Recreation oversees the Greene County airport, county pools, Mon View Roller Rink, Greene River Trail, tennis courts, pavilion rentals, the fairgrounds, and summer day camp program.

After extensive renovations a few years ago, Mon View Roller Rink reopened its programming with Friday and Saturday skating, and party rentals. And thanks to the renovations, which included air conditioning, the rink can provide year-round recreational opportunities.

The summer day camp program has been a staple of summer recreation for school-aged children for many years. The free program held in county parks provides a great opportunity for area children to enjoy fun activities in a safe,



The department's fishing derby is just one of the many activities it provides.

healthy environment. Meals are provided for the children, and thanks to a generous donation by Iron Senegy, the children can also swim free at the County pools.

The department will also oversee the new Wisecarver Recreation Area west of Waynesburg. The new development will include three softball fields, kayak and fishing locations, a 3-D archery range, and multiple other activities.

The director of Greene County Department of Recreation is charged with the direction and overall administration of the operation, planning, development and maintenance of all County parks and recreation facilities and programs. Director Bret Moore works closely with other County officials and community organizers to ensure a high level of programming.

"We enjoy providing programming and facilities for our friends, families, and neighbors," says Bret. "Our unique blend of natural resources and proximity to other populations centers allows us to offer incredibly diverse recreational activities."

"Everything we do is for the benefit of the community, including providing affordable social and entertainment options for people of all economic levels."

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# Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## SURGERY IN THE CIVIL WAR

The American Civil War raged on from 1861 to 1865 and is sadly remembered as one of the bloodiest conflicts in American history. Tragedy, however, can often breed innovation – especially when that tragedy comes with a high human cost such as the American Civil War.

Many medical developments were made during the war to help save the lives of soldiers who fell on the battlefield. Our featured artifact this month harkens back to that era. This Civil War surgical kit, complete with amputation saw, contains all the items necessary to help save a life on the battlefield. Long metal probes were used to help extract bullets from gunshot wounds, and various knives and saws were used to amputate a limb when necessary.

Unfortunately, the handles of these items are made from Gutta Percha, a hard rubber like plastic, that was prone to the growth of germs and bacteria. During the era of the Civil War, little was known about sterilization and protections from bacteria, and tools were not cleaned between use. As a result, infection was common.

However, with the prevalence of injuries of a serious nature, doctors learned better methods and treatments became more successful. With the scientific study over the next several decades, a huge increase in knowledge brought about better surgical methods.

This Civil

War era surgical kit is on display in the medical room at the GCHS museum along with many other artifacts from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Even in our lifetimes, the advances in medical and surgical treatments have been tremendous and it is an amazing experience to see how far we have come in such a short period of time.

Keep an eye out on our website and face book page for more information on our Opening Day, April 30, 2022, and other events and presentations throughout the season. On Opening Day and at our annual Harvest Festival, held the second weekend in October, you will be able to see several Civil War reenactments, and in October possibly a presentation on Civil War medicine!



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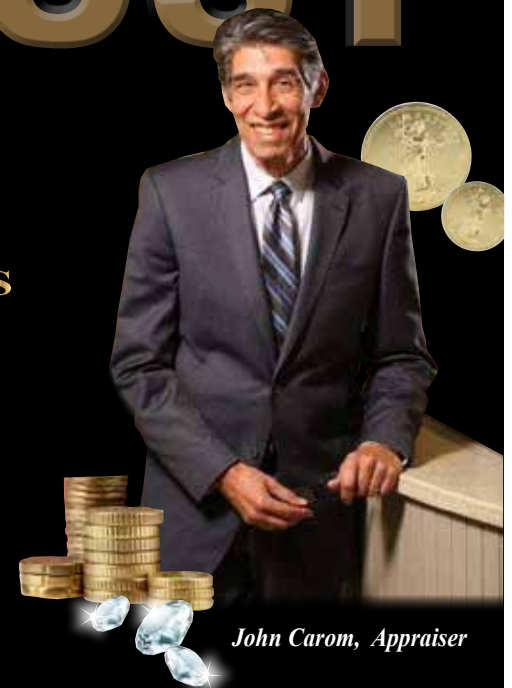
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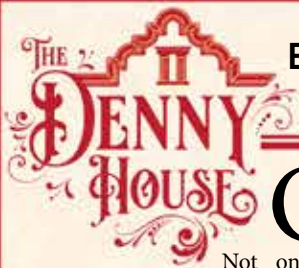
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## Education & The Denny Sisters

By Colleen Nelson

Oh, those Denny sisters! Not only did their lifetimes span historic portions of two centuries, but the things they are remembered for now - those good works they did as gracious matrons, returned to the family estate to live a life of quiet philanthropy - is only part of the story of their colorful, well traveled lives.

Look beyond the yellowed news clippings and dusty prints and you'll find bright eyed little girls, precocious teenagers, passionate piano players, opera singers, history lovers and more as two of those Denny sisters shared their talent with the world, lived through the high rolling 1920s in Chicago, then traveled and shopped the world before returning home to tend to the Denny legacy in Greene County - especially Waynesburg College, the family alma mater.

Eldest daughter Mary, an accomplished pianist, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Music degree in 1914 and studied music composition in Pittsburgh and France before setting off to be a composer and teacher.

Middle child Josephine had her chance fledge as well. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1915, she studied French and Art History in Paris and taught in private schools in New York and Chicago. But she chose to return home in 1922 to live with her mother Louise and became actively involved with worthwhile community causes while her sisters created lives for themselves far from the hills of Greene County.

Precocious baby sister Helen, on the other hand, took her degree in Arts and Music and created a successful career as a soprano, landing leading roles in concert halls in Baltimore, New York City and Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, she won the heart of a married man, Willis George Howard, who took her back to Chicago with him and introduced her to big city living. Sister Mary joined them there and together the sisters became part of high society, roaring 20s style. Helen's relationship ended when Willis went back to his wife, but Mary made a good match with businessman Charles Arthur Weaver in 1929 and the sisters continued their musical performances, social engagements, and world travels for the next 20 some years.

When the stock market crashed in 1929, the Denny fortune took a hit, so in

1936 Josephine dusted off her college degree and became a teacher for eight years at Waynesburg High School, teaching English, Social Studies, and General Science.

Helen came home to Denny House in 1945, then threw herself into family history, tracing it back to the Magna Carta. She also organized a local chapter of Daughters of the American Colonists in 1948 that produced five excellent volumes of Greene County historical documents that are housed at Cornerstone Genealogical Society.

Mary, now a widow, came home in 1949 and put her time and considerable fortune into projects at Waynesburg College. Great grandfather James T Hook was an original trustee and Mary joined the board of trustees to continue that family tradition. For her dedication and generosity she received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1954.

Helen, who got her honorary doctorate of music at Waynesburg College in 1938, was the first woman to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1972.

Waynesburg College was having growing pains in the 1950s as enrollment was outpacing the facilities available to house, teach and accommodate modern campus life. It would take federal grants matched by community and alumni support to build a new science building, library, dining hall, student union and most critically, dormitories for students. In 1960 a woman's dormitory was built next to Benedum Hall, with a covered passageway connecting the buildings. Although most of the funding was federal grants, it was named Denny Hall in honor of the three sisters.

Remembering the Denny sisters has the curious power to make them come alive in mind's eye. What would they think as they mysteriously slip into our present and open the front door?

Something tells me they would feel right at home. Helen, especially, would be delighted to find there's a wine cellar in the basement and the carriage house has been converted into a dining hall set up for performances whenever she's ready. And yes, Mary, the piano's in tune.

But best of all, as Josephine will certainly be the first to tell them, the faculty and students from their alma mater stop by for special occasions to have conferences and events, by invitation of course. And it's called Waynesburg University now.

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## FOLK MEDICINES, CURES, AND DOCTORS

Traditionally speaking, Greene County is pure Appalachia, northern Appalachia specifically, and many of our cultural traditions strongly relate to those of some of our southern neighbors. Our dialect, mannerisms, superstitions and, in earlier and more primitive times, our cures and folk medicine can trace their roots back to a compendium of beliefs that resulted from a melting pot of Scotch Irish, Germanic and Native American customs.

As settlers from various regions arrived in the new world throughout the late 17th and 18th centuries, superstitions and home remedies from the old world arrived in the new and blended with traditional Native American cures to create what has become known in later years as “granny wisdom.” Granny wisdom is a system of beliefs that combined folk magic and folk medicine to treat all the worries and ailments of a rural people. This system that would last well into the 20th century, and remnants can still be found today.

Concoctions that are often reminiscent of a recipe used by the witches in Shakespeare’s Macbeth, consisted of plants, herbs and different items thought to have magical or healing properties. These ingredients were mixed to create cures and potions that would ensure that whatever ailment you suffered from didn’t do you in. In a few instances, potions were used to undo a curse brought on by a bad neighbor or simply for good luck.

Going to the chicken coop and having chickens fly over you was thought to be a cure for chicken pox. To break your husband of drinking, skin a live eel, put the skin in some liquor and give it to him; he will never drink again. To cure gout, apply a raw cleaned beef steak to the area of trouble and change it once every twelve hours until cured.

More mystical remedies also existed. Wart healers existed in Greene County well into recent memory, and there may still be some here today. Methods varied from healer to healer, but in some instances, a healer would go for a long walk with a person who was suffering from warts. As the pair walked, Bible verses would often be recited; certain passages were believed to be particularly powerful. At a non-predetermined time during the walk, the healer would throw a stone and pronounce the sufferer cured.

If a person in the community was thought to be a witch and cursing neighbors, the “cure” was for the victim to scratch an image of the witch into a black walnut tree and drive a nail through the heart. This would render the witches spell ineffective.

In an effort to prevent evil spirits from entering a house or a building, a Sator Square was often placed behind the trim of doors or windows. Sator Squares are a two-dimensional word square containing a five-word Latin palindrome, consisting of the words “Sator Arepo Tenet Opera Rotas.” There are several theories on what those words mean in this context, but it is generally thought to be an early Christian blessing. The Sator Square can trace its roots back to ancient Roman times and the early Christian period.

Herbal medicine was the heart of Granny Wisdom. Yellow root was commonly used to treat ailments of the stomach, bladder, kidneys, and liver. Witch Hazel was used for colds and fevers and could also be applied directly to the skin to help with burns and cuts. Peeled rinds of citrus fruit

could be made into a tube and placed in the nostrils to help cure a cold, and a tea made from the leaves of stinging nettle could be used to treat itchiness, anemia, and gout.

Many of these herbal remedies did have some medicinal benefit, and often led to more scientific forms of medicine that would develop throughout the 19th century. As society in the new world grew, and science began to dominate a world once ruled by superstition, doctors learned that by using the extracts and oils from different herbs, plants and barks they could successfully cure illness or at a minimum ease the discomfort related to different maladies.

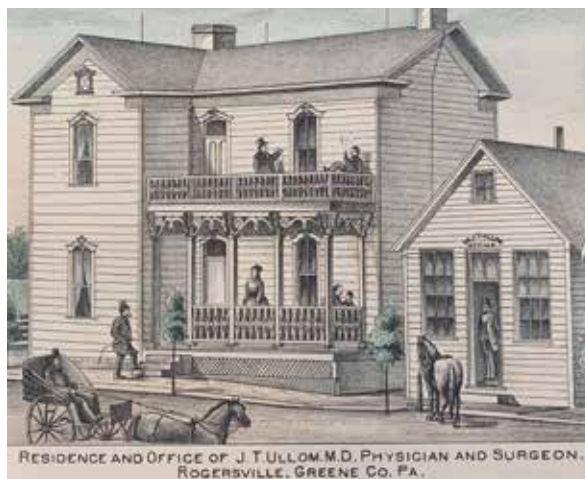
Even in the early 20th century it wasn’t uncommon for a doctor or pharmacist to have a mortar and pestle handy to grind various natural products into a medicine. As time progressed, many chemical compounds from these old remedies would be used to create the foundation of medicine as we know it.

In the late 19th Century, the rural doctor had largely, though not completely, replaced the folk healer. Many worked out of their homes, or in the case of Jesse Ullom of Rogersville in 1876, worked out of a small building beside his house. Ullom’s building can still be seen today. Doctors often traveled to their patients.

In rural areas folk cures were still the prevailing method of battling illness. Granny wisdom was being printed in book form throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, books of home remedies and cures so anyone could use “traditional” medicine in their home. Many of us are passively familiar with some of these old school remedies, such as using aloe on a burn or tea of fever few to cure a fever. A remedy still commonly used today, the hot toddy can be traced back to earlier times.

Honey, the main ingredient in a hot toddy, has been used medicinally since ancient time. It has long been known for its antiseptic qualities. Honey and juice extracted from a roasted onion is also a common treatment for a cold or the sniffles.

Unfortunately, Appalachian culture is slowly being lost. If some of the older generations of your family are still around, talk to them, learn about the ways and customs that they grew up with and record them through the written word or video. Within another generation or two much of this ancient Appalachian knowledge may be completely forgotten.



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## Greene Secures \$1.4 Million Grant

With President Biden's signature on the \$1.5 Trillion Omnibus spending package, the Greene County Board of Commissioners celebrate securing a much needed \$1,395,000 grant designated for a business incubator project in the Silveus Building in Waynesburg.

In collaboration with Waynesburg University, the incubator will provide workspace, services, access to industry experts and mentors to foster development of early-stage companies and create new jobs in Greene County.

"Waynesburg University is very excited for this project to become a reality. Our Entrepreneurial Leadership program was developed several years ago with a focus on strengthening problem solving skills. The Silveus Building plan is a wonderful next step to advance the work we are doing by engaging and supporting the Greene County Community, as well," stated Stacey Brodak, Vice President Institutional Advancement and University Relations, Waynesburg University.

The Silveus Building, located at 30 West High Street, was constructed in 1926. Currently, most of the building is unoccupied due to its condition. The building was purchased by the Greene County Commissioners in 2019 with the intention of using it for county purposes. Most recently, county economic development discussions have advanced the desire to create a business incubator. The funding will be, in large part, used to bring the Silveus Building up to current safety and code requirements as well as facilitate building design changes for its new purpose.

The building is structurally sound but requires modifications and repairs. Another key issue with the Silveus Building and its adjoining neighbor (Ben Franklin Building) is the lack of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access. ADA ramps and an elevator tower are required to correct this problem. Renovations are estimated to take 18-24 months.

Engineering studies are already complete and the following work will be finished in order to reuse the building for the expansion of county space and a business incubator: abate all hazardous materials; install new passenger elevator tower; renovate basement level to include new egress stair tower, ADA rest rooms, and new finishes; renovate first floor, second and third floor levels to include ADA access and rest rooms and ramp to neighboring building; provide new HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems; upgrade sprinkler systems; install new fire-tower-stairways; mechanical rooms; provide structural repairs as needed; exterior repairs, brick repointing and cleaning; and install new window systems and roof.

"Obviously, we are enthusiastic about this opportunity and excited about our partnership with Waynesburg University. As we continue efforts to diversify the economic drivers in Greene County, this business incubator will give entrepreneurs access to reasonably priced start-up space, access to resources from partnerships with the university, businesses, industries, and workforce and career development organizations. It's a great opportunity never before available in Greene County," said Commissioner Mike Belding.

"We are committed to working with state and federal legislators to benefit Greene County. The commissioners would like to thank Congressman Guy Reschenthaler and his staff for their assistance in earmarking two Greene County projects for funding. Leadership working together for the community is important in growing our economic footprint in Greene County," Commissioner Betsy McClure said.

The commissioners appreciate all those who have and will continue to support new initiatives in our communities and county that are vital to making Greene County a better place to live, learn, work, and play.

## Greene County 4-H CloverBuds Give Back to the Community

The Greene County 4-H CloverBuds have been busy as bees this past year. In addition to the many craft projects they completed, they held a food drive of non-perishable items that were donated to the Corner Cupboard Food Bank in Waynesburg (in honor of Kim Barnes, Greene County CloverBud founder), had barn meetings to meet new ad-

ditions of lambs, donated to the Farm Bureau Kentucky relief fund to help the tornado victims, and participated in the Christmas caroling event held at Respi-Center, EverGreene Assisted Living, and Rolling Meadows retirement home in Waynesburg.

Most recently they made and decorated Valentine hearts that were passed out at the

EverGreene Assisted Living. The residents were as pleased receiving them just as much as the kids were passing them out. The club also passed out shamrocks to residents of a retirement home in March.

Interested in joining the CloverBuds? New members ages 5-7 years as of January 1, 2022, are welcome to join. The club meets the third Thursday of the month, usually at the fairgrounds; some meetings are held at farms.



## Greene County 4-H'er Awarded Diamond Clover Award

More than 300 Pennsylvania 4-H youth gathered to network and enhance their leadership skills during the Pennsylvania 4-H State Leadership Conference. The conference took place both virtually and in person at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College. The theme was "Be different together."

County 4-H members from across the state participated in workshops designed and delivered by 4-H extension educators, alumni, Penn State faculty and staff, and industry leaders. The workshops included topics that encouraged youth to build their skills in public speaking, teamwork, mentoring, interviewing, social justice, stress management, networking, email etiquette and advocacy. The 4-H youth who attended the conference are current and future leaders in their communities, schools and 4-H pursuits.

The keynote speaker was Brandon Farbstein, a motivational speaker, activist and author. Diagnosed with a rare form of dwarfism at age two, Farbstein now shares a message of self-acceptance, empathy and inclusion with people around the globe.

On the last day of the conference, Hannah Cole, daughter of Dave & Tracy Cole of Waynesburg, along with 28 4-H'ers received Diamond Clover Awards, the highest achievement possible in the Pennsylvania 4-H program. Hannah received support from McCracken Pharmacy and members of the Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Company to purchase and assemble a Stop the Bleed and First Aid Kit for her local 4-H livestock

barn. She arranged for volunteer leaders and County Council members to receive first aid training.

The Clover Award Program encourages 4-H members to explore new projects and activities that will help them acquire the seven leadership life skills: communicating; decision



making and problem solving; getting along with others; learning to learn; managing; understanding self; and working in groups. Engagement with the Clover Award Program is generally a multi-year process and consists of planning and implementing a service-learning project in the community.

At the close of the conference, the new Pennsylvania 4-H State Council team was announced. The council is a premier group of young people selected from around the

## Cornerstone Physician Named in Top Physicians Under 40

Dr. Amber Warren has been named one of the PA Medical Society's Top Physicians Under 40. Dr. Warren is among forty physicians recognized statewide for her medical skills and expertise. The award spotlights the best of the best early career physicians. Honorees were nominated

by colleagues and selected by a statewide committee of Pennsylvania Medical Society members.

Dr. Warren is a family medicine physician with Cornerstone Care, a non-profit network of Community Health Centers that has expanded and ...continued on page 18.



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"I love my patients and my community. With my additional role as the Program Director for the residency program I have enjoyed teaching residents and building the program over the years. We work as a team here in Mt. Morris and I have great staff and colleagues to be thankful for as well."

Dr. Warren graduated from West Virginia University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Physiology. She attended medical school at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV and completed her Family Medicine Residency at Carilion Clinic in Roanoke, Virginia in 2013. Dr. Warren has been a family medicine physician with Cornerstone Care since and serves as the Director of Cornerstone Care's family medicine residency program. Dr. Warren is board certified in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, and lives in the Mt Morris community with her husband and children.

"Congratulations to Dr. Warren for well-deserved recognition," said Richard Rinehart, Cornerstone Care CEO.

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## Lions Club WCHS Students of the Month

The February Lions Club students of the Month from WCHS are Ruthie Simmons and Robert McElheny.

Ruthie Simmons is the daughter of Crystal Simmons of Spraggs. While at WCHS, Ms. Simmons has worked as part of the Upward Bound Program through California University of PA. She has prepared for college and honed her study skills through this program. She has also earned Top 5 honors in just about every math class she has taken.

Outside of school Ruthie enjoys Art and Gardening. She also spends a lot of time taking care of her younger siblings. Ruthie works part-time as a sales associate at Big Lots.

Ruthie intends to earn a degree in a science-based major. She would like to pursue a



career as a pediatric, heart or general surgeon.

Robert McElheny is the son of Kevin and Kathleen McElheny of Waynesburg. Robert has stayed very busy at WCHS. He has been an active member of the Tech Crew, the Chess Club, the Academic League team, and the Creative Writing Club.

Robert has a passion for music. He has been a member of the Waynesburg Marching Band and Concert Band. He has also played in the Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble at Waynesburg University. He has been a member of the District Band 1 West. Robert has a wide range of musical interests and talents. Robert plans are to attend a college and major in computer science.



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## WU Spring Musical

Waynesburg University and its Theatre program present the musical "We Will Rock You" as this year's selection for their spring musical. This musical with a real rock flair is a step out of his normal comfort zone for director and Professor of Theatre Edward L. Powers. "Not only do we want this show to bring in our usual audience, but we hope it will appeal to part of our community who may not attend musical theatre," says Powers. "These songs are not just loud hard rock examples. Queen gave us lyrics of depth and these arrangements fit the story line very well. The audience will hear many standards such as 'Somebody to Love', 'I Want It All', 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love', 'We are the Champions', and of course, 'We will Rock You', among others."

"We will Rock You" (school edition) is a unique musical, following a unique trend in current musicals where the creators pattern a story around a published group of songs. "For We Will Rock You" the music is by Queen with a story by Ben Elton. The musical takes place in the future in a world controlled by an internet giant known as Globalsoft. This organization controls the public's thought and feelings, informing them on what to wear and think and what music to enjoy. We meet a couple of

Bohemian rebels, Galileo and Scaramouche, who wish to think for themselves. Together they join other Bohemians who want to restore thought and rock 'n roll music. We follow their journey as it takes them cross country to make rock 'n roll live on.

Performances will be in person and will be held March 30 & 31 and April 1 & 2 at 7:30 pm each evening in the Goodwin Performing Arts Center. General admission tickets are only \$5/person and \$3 each for WU students, faculty and staff. Reservations are encouraged and can be made at waynesburg.ticketleap.com/rock-you.

Cast and crew includes Professor Edward L. Powers (director), Dr. Ronda DePriest (music director), Ms. Melanie Catana (vocal director), Maria Hanni (choreographer), Thomas Faye as Galileo, Tess Marlin as Scaramouche, Diamond Price as Killer Queen, James Gallucci as Brit, Patricia Sarada as Oz, and Josh Anderson as Khashoggi. Ensemble includes

Jayda Fyock, Andrew Gordon, Hannah Jobs, Casey Desrosiers, Abby Ankrom, Tyler Williams, Mia Appleby, Cody Diyn, and Roger Lawrence. Elyse Morgan, Heather Ratcliffe and McKenna Mercier serve as Stage Managers.

## Central Greene Kindergarten Registration

Central Greene School District will be holding Kindergarten Registration by appointment only for the 2022-23 school year. Registration appointments will be from 8:30 - 11:00 and 12:30 - 2:30. Parents are to call the school to select a time on the following days based on student last name: A-I - May 11; J-R - May 18; S-Z - May 25.

Registration packets may be completed in advance and brought to the elementary school main office. Central Greene School District will be distributing registration packets at Waynesburg Central Elementary School main office, upon request at Packet Pick-up/Drop-off, or by printing from website [www.cgsd.org](http://www.cgsd.org)

Any child who will be 5 years of age before June 1 may attend kindergarten. Any child who will be 6 years of age before the same date may attend first grade. A child who now is attending kindergarten is already registered for first grade and need not register again.

It is important to

register your child for kindergarten or first grade even if you are not certain at this point that you will be sending your child to school.

Bring proof of birth, immunization records, and proof of residency. Immunizations records can be faxed to the WCES office at 724-852-1160. The school nurse will check all immunization records and will give guidance on physical problems. If your child has any unusual medical conditions or history, bring the treating physician's name and address. The required immunizations for registration are as follows: four D.T. immunizations (with one being on or after the fourth birthday); four polio (with one being on or after the fourth birthday); two measles, mumps and rubella; three hepatitis B; and two chickenpox vaccine-or documented proof of disease or titer level from your physician. FMI, call the WCES school office at 724-627-3081.

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The program went from 2 ten-week stock games to 4 quarter semester and 2 full semester programs with competitions. The 4 quarter semester programs are held in early fall, late fall, early spring, and late spring. **Greene County leader board rankings as of 3/13/22: HIGH SCHOOL - (1) Keystone Oaks, (2) Carmichaels, and (3) Derry Area; MIDDLE SCHOOL - (1) Archangel Gabriel School, (2) Carmichaels, (3) West Greene; PERSONAL BUDGETING GAME - (1) West Greene, (2) Fort Cherry, (3) Carmichaels MS.**

## Farmers' Market Manager Needed

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## WU Gallery Features Historical Collection

The Waynesburg University Department of Fine Arts will host an art show March 14, through September. 2, featuring the University's Paul R. Stewart Museum Collection.

The exhibition will be held in the Benedum Fine Arts Gallery. Admission to the exhibition and reception are free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The exhibition will showcase historical examples of Greensboro Pottery from the University's Paul R. Stewart Collection. The last time this collection was shown to the

public was in 2008 at the National Council on Education for Ceramic Arts conference in Pittsburgh.

The show will also feature "Saving Greensboro," a documentary about Greensboro pottery, created by Waynesburg alumni Harry Oakes and Paul Hicks.

The Benedum Fine Arts Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All guests are asked to wear a mask when attending the exhibition. FMI, contact Wiedner at [emily.wiedner@waynesburg.edu](mailto:emily.wiedner@waynesburg.edu).

## Trivia Challenge

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is holding their second annual Trivia Challenge on April 8, 2022, at 6:30pm. Gather a team of four to eight members to compete for bragging rights and the traveling challenge trophy. Each team will select a charity of their choice to play for and cash prizes will be awarded to chosen

charities of the top three teams. Enjoy pizza and snacks along with one free item from the bar per player. Cash bar and kitchen also available. Sponsorship opportunities also open. FMI, contact the Greene County Chamber of Commerce at 724-998-2386 or 724-627-5926.

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# The *Bikini Girl* Rebellion

The infamous landmark of Holbrook, PA is standing the test of time. Located on the side of a barn along Route 18 is a sign remembered by many but with a history remembered by only a few. Ask anyone who lives in the area or has travelled that road and they will recall the sign with the bikini clad woman lying on a beach.

In the 70s, PennDOT began enforcing the controversial 1971 Outdoor Advertising Control Act, which is how Pennsylvania regulates billboards and their placement. The act was enacted in compliance with the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

While many were affected by the act and its enforcement, two Greene County inhabitants thought the act was unfairly targeting certain businesses' advertising. In protest of the act's enforcement, they placed the sign on the barn in February 1973.

Originally on the barn owned by Doyle "Buck" Hughes was a sign advertising Deluxe Travel, a business owned and operated by Jack McCracken, also the owner of McCracken Pharmacy. Jack, in compliance with the act had removed five other signs and became aggravated by those signs that were allowed to remain while others were required to be removed.

According to the guidance, certain signs

were deemed illegal as they were placed in accordance with an old state law of 1945. The others did not meet the current requirements and their owners were compensated for their removal. Jack's sign fell into the category where he was offered compensation for the sign's removal. He declined the offer. He vowed to point out the inconsistencies of the act and its enforcement among other privately backed advertising signs that didn't meet the requirements to remain but were not forced to be removed. There were also permits approved for signage erected along the Waynesburg Fairgrounds based on the locale of a business that had nothing to do with the advertisement to be placed on the sign.

When PennDOT approached Hughes' wife and said the sign had to come down, Buck became upset. He told Jack to create a sign of either a naked woman or a bikini clad woman lying on a beach, says Brian Hughes, Buck's son. The result was the sign that still resides on the side of the Hughes' Farm barn of the bikini clad woman lying on the beach.

The sign has been restored over the years. Each restoration has changed the original appearance of the woman in the sign painted by hand by Howard "Shiny" Diamond. Howard lived above the hospital and was approached by Brian, to re-paint the sign in 1990 after graduating high school. He had saved his money to restore the sign, but when he went to pick it up, he was surprised to find the sign paid in full. Jack McCracken, getting word that the sign was being restored, paid for the work.

The sign was recently taken down and was restored again by Brian Hughes and the sign was reproduced by Direct Results. This time, Brian chose to have it restored to the oldest pictured girl and had it placed back on the barn to continue as a landmark of Holbrook. When first placing the sign on the barn in 1973, Doyle Hughes can be heard saying, "I'm waiting to see if PennDOT instructs me to take it down".



*The bikini girl sign on Hughes' barn began as a protest and became an icon.*



*The revamped sign.*

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# THE WAY

## A New Vision for the Community

By Sierra Medina

**F**irst Baptist Church, located on 303 W. High Street in Waynesburg, is in the process of remodeling the former Belko Foods store, located on 206 W. High Street, into a 16,000 square foot community center titled The Way.

“The Way will change the spiritual landscape in Greene County by spreading the love of Jesus,” Dawn Mankey, Sunday school teacher and former chair of the mission board said.

According to Mankey, the church conceived of the idea to reach out more intentionally into the community before Belko Foods even became available for sale, so when it did it felt like a sign.

“After thinking we should do more and almost the exact funds needed to purchase the building were given to us, we thought that was God’s hand in opening that door for sure,” Mankey explained.

According to Rev. Dr. Edward Pierce, Senior Pastor at FBC, the funds needed to move forward with the extensive remodeling project are almost completely raised.

“We have a goal of \$2.4 million. We started raising money about eight months ago,” Pierce said. “We’re very close to \$2 mil-

lion right now. As soon as we receive our official 501 c3 designation from the IRS, I would anticipate the other funds.”

Pierce explained that The Way will consist of preschools, a playground and recreational area, a conference area for various groups, a café that will be open to the public, as well as a half-court or full-court gymnasium.

What is especially unique is that, although The Way is property of FBC, it will be its own nonprofit entity.

“They’ll have their own board, and they’ll make their own decisions about what they’re doing. We want this to be a collaborative community and interdenominational effort. We don’t want this to be simply us trying to do this,” Pierce said. “We need the Christian community and the community at large to help us support this. There’s a great deal of excitement and anticipation about the availability of the center and how we can use it to address the needs of our community.”

Vice moderator at FBC, Jonathan Johnson, had a hand in facilitating the purchase of Belko Foods and is eager to see the impacts this new asset to downtown Waynesburg will bring.



Digital rendition of The Way community center.

“Making something new and exciting for people to rally around in our community is so important,” Johnson said. “We have an opportunity to meet the needs of our community with the use of this building and the programming developed through The Way Community Center of Greene County. The vision for this is still being crafted.”

Johnson expressed that for The Way to be successful, it will take a substantial amount of people and organizations to come together, as this center is distinct from the church.

The first annual “Illuminate The Way Gala” is one way the community can come together to support the project. The event will be held on May 14 at the newly renovated Denny House located at 145 West High St. All

proceeds will go to the community center for construction and programming. The house will come alive with music and entertainment and several auction items are one-of-a-kind pieces. FMI or to sponsor the event, contact dawn.mankey@fbcwaynesburg.org or 724-833-1355

“So, if someone has an idea that they’re passionate about, something that can make a difference, then they need to reach out to us,” he explained. “We don’t want to replicate what anybody else is doing, and we want to come alongside people that are doing good work and figure out how we can all work together. Those are all things that we really want to be able to do, that we know will be required for us to truly change our community.”

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## Help Strengthen Families & Prevent Child Abuse

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, Greene County Children & Youth Services (CYS) and CASA of Greene County encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Greene County a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote the social and emotional well-being of children and youth and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities.

Protective factors are the strengths and resources families draw on during difficult times to shield them from life's stresses. Major protective factors include knowledge of parenting, knowledge of child development, parental resilience, social connections, and concrete supports. Research shows that when parents possess protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth, and families are promoted. Both CYC and CASA are local organizations assisting parents with these protective factors and more to keep Greene County youth safe.

CASA of Greene County's mission is to advocate for the interests of neglected and abused children involved in dependency court proceedings. This mission is accomplished by

recruiting, training, and supervising community volunteers who serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates for these children. These advocates ensure that these children are in safe, permanent homes as soon as possible and that their needs are met while they are in foster care.

"Greene County CYC has had the pleasure of working with CASA on many different cases and the volunteers have all been amazing to work with," says Mark Starostanko, CYC administrator. "They truly have the purest hearts, giving their time to the most vulnerable population in Greene County. The volunteers visit the children in person, no matter where they are placed. They always make themselves available and the children on their caseload know they can count on them. We have even worked with advocates who give Christmas and birthday gifts to the children they are working with. It takes a special person to do what they do, and their views are truly valued in the courtroom."

The mission of Greene County CYC is to provide for the immediate safety and protection of children from abuse and neglect, to keep children with their own families whenever possible, to provide temporary substitutive care of children when necessary, and to reunite children with their families as quickly as pos-

sible after placement.

"Greene County's CYC personnel are some of the most caring and hardest working people that I have engaged with. Their commitment to strengthen the families they serve and protect the children in their care is a 24/7/365 job," says Aaron Houser, CASA director.

In support of these efforts, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, together with Child Welfare Information Gateway, and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention developed the 2021/2022 Prevention Resource Guide. The guide provides more information about protective factors and highlights examples of innovative prevention approaches being implemented by communities across the country.

CASA's Greene County Dodgeball Tournament on April 30 is the capstone of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Everyone is invited to this free, family-friendly event to cheer on the winners of this year's CASA Cup. FMI about child abuse prevention programs and activities, contact Greene County CYC 724-852-5217 [mstarostanko@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:mstarostanko@co.greene.pa.us) or CASA of Greene County 724-802-7347 [greencountycasa@gmail.com](mailto:greencountycasa@gmail.com)

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## Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

### There's Nothing Wrong with a Little Knowledge

On the Sunday before the Super Bowl, the only "football" being played was the Pro Bowl. Rather than subject myself to that pale imitation of the sport, I began to channel surf for a real athletic event. I came upon the Italy vs. France rugby match. I was so desperate for a sports fix, I started watching. Soon one of the announcers complained about a bad call that went against the Italians. My knee-jerk reaction was to agree the official blew the call until I realized something very important. I have absolutely no knowledge about any of the rules of rugby.

This moment of self-awareness made me think about how every weekend our local coaches and officials are subjected to ridicule and derision from people who don't know if a ball is blown up or stuffed. Parents who never stepped on a court or field in their lives feel entirely justified espousing their opinions and critiques of people who have obtained athletic knowledge and chose to share it with young people for either little or no financial compensation.

Undoubtedly, some coaches and officials are better than others. Debating techniques, strategy and calls is part of the fun of sports. However, my issue is two-fold. First, one should have at least a rudimentary grasp of the sport in question to critique others. I once had a local man tell me the high school football coach needed to be fired because of the "stupid" offense he ran. He advocated replacing him with another local coach (who happened to run the exact same offense). Despite the fact this man couldn't differentiate between the Wing-T and a wing nut, he badgered everyone with whom he came in contact with defamatory comments about this hardworking coach.

More importantly, even if someone

decides to share an ill-informed opinion, it needs to be done with at least a modicum of civility. It's hard enough to find individuals who are willing to subject themselves and their families to the long hours of coaching. Thirty percent of all high school coaches leave the field within five years. It is even worse for officials. Seventy-five percent of high school referees quit within two years. Eighty percent of them say it's because of adult behavior in the stands.

Moreover, the explosion in girls' athletics and their need for coaches and officials has grown exponentially just when this shortage is occurring. As a result, more parents who have no background or experience in athletics are forced into these roles for which they are not prepared, which robs our youth of proper instruction.

Nobody is perfect and emotions can get the best of most people when it comes to their children. However, we need to appreciate the time, sacrifice, and devotion these individuals make to ensure sports are available to our youth. Adults should model the behavior and sportsmanship they hope to see in their children. Spectators need to cheer positively for our local athletes and recognize that coaches and officials do their best out there.

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## Tactical Yoga

**G**un writer thing of the month to do for March is to coin a unique word or phrase. Col. Jeff Cooper was always coining catchy phrases like, “First rule of gun fighting - have a gun!” Then there was the Cooper Color Code (a great use of alliteration by the way). And who can forget, “Pick up a rifle and you instantly change from a subject to a citizen.” This month, in the spirit of the good Colonel, I am releasing my first, newly minted term: tactical yoga. There, it’s out and I feel more like a gun writer already. Okay, no one is going to be impressed without explanation and application.

The older I get, the smarter Mom and Dad become. I remember my father’s wise statements like, “Take a deep breath before you lose your temper.” I paid little attention in my formative years. As I aged, I bought into the “breathing thing.” I start every morning with my students with three deep breaths, following the pledge of allegiance. (Yes, we are Americans, and we still say the pledge to the flag.) Whenever I feel a chest infection setting in, I try to breathe more deeply than usual. Those crazy little machines they give you when recovering from surgery are called spirometers (and yes, I had to Google it to find out). There must be something to them if all the hospitals in the U.S. are giving them out to their patients. I can make a headache go away and lessen tension with a bit of deep breathing. Need to calm yourself after a spat with the Mrs. or after a near miss accident on the highway? Breathe.

The key to breathing your way to good health is this. Take a deep breath in through your nose, try a five to six second count and hold it, briefly. When you begin to exhale from your mouth, make the exit opening in your lips small (think coffee straw). The longer you keep the oxygen in your body, the better it will do. Take five to ten deep breaths in this manner and you will feel a deep relaxation that makes one almost drowsy. I even use it to get to sleep when battling insomnia. I’d like to take credit for this vital kernel of information, but alas, the credit goes to my favorite old hippie college professor, Frank Pazzynski. We used to do dynamic tension exercises and controlled

breathing to calm us down (and by that, I mean calm me down) when I/we got too wound up in class.

So how might you apply this earth-shaking information to all things guns? Simple. Breathing is one of the five pillars of shooting: Stance, grip, sights, trigger press and... wait for it... BREATHING! It’s probably the most neglected facet of shooting, as well. If you have not tried this, you are missing the boat. As you raise your weapon to fire, take a deep breath in, through your nose, hold for a second or two, then blow out through your mouth, via that tiny opening in your lips. Press the trigger at the bottom of the breath. Voila! Tactical Yoga.

Come on, Dave, does this really work or are you just searching for material this month? It works! Trust me, it works better than you think. On my first call alone, as a rookie police officer, I was dispatched to an alarm that was likely to have an intruder/burglar on the premises and I was unable to make radio contact with county control. I was operating on high alert. My heart was racing, I could barely get my breath and I was scared. During that response, I heard the words of my professor, loud and clear: BREATHE. And I did. It got me through that call. I was not, however, nearly as scared as the plumber I met on scene who forgot to turn off the alarm while working midnights. Call it controlled breathing, combat breathing, etc., but for my money, remember – Tactical Yoga. You heard it here first!



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# CARMICHAELS AREA

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Dylan Rohrer is the son of Kristie and Doug Rohrer of Carmichaels. He is a four-year member of the basketball and golf teams. Dylan was selected as an honorable mention for the 2022 all-section basketball team. He is also a three-year member of the baseball team where

he plays third base and pitches. In school, Dylan is a member of the Leo Club, and he was selected as the Lion's Club Student of the Month in January. He volunteers at the Cumberland Township Food Bank and the STARS Foundation. Dylan is employed as a stock clerk at Giant Eagle in Rices

Landing. He plans to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in the fall, where he will major in Criminology.

## GIRL OF THE MONTH



She also serves as a volunteer at the Corner Cupboard Food Bank in Carmichaels.

Ashton Batis is the daughter of Mark and Brenda Batis. She is a freshman member of the varsity girls' volleyball, basketball and softball teams. She was named Freshman Player of the Year in volleyball. She is a member of the student council, Spanish club, and National Junior Honor Society.

# JEFFERSON MORGAN

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Joshua Brian Wise is the son of Brian and Heather Wise. He is a four-year letterman in football and a three-year letterman in basketball. Joshua volunteers at Jefferson Baptist Church for VBS and with his father at the Jefferson Fire Department. The senior also attends Greene

County Career and Technology Center and plans to attend Pittsburgh Technical School for Welding.

## GIRL OF THE MONTH



council, Spanish Club, Leo club, Leadership (RLL), and Envirothon.

Jenna Cyr is the daughter of Kevin and Ashley Cyr of Clarksville. The sophomore has been involved with volleyball, softball and cheerleading the past two years. She is the vice president of her class and a member of the National Honor Society. Jenna also belongs to student

# SOUTHEASTERN GREENE

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Junior Brody Evans has lettered three years in football and two years in baseball for the Maples. He was named to the Tri-County South All-Conference football team and the GCADA All-County football and wrestling teams. He has wrestled for Waynesburg the past five years

via a co-op agreement. He just added to his wrestling resume with a 5-0 record at Team States as they finished third in PA. He was the Section and WPIAL Runner Up, earning a trip to Hershey. Brody was ranked second in WPIAL and tenth in PA. At the National Powerade Tournament, he finished in seventh place. In school, he is a member of the National Honor Society and ski club. He enjoys golfing, camping, and hunting with family and friends. Brody is the son of Gary and Raquel Evans of Dil-

liner and plans to attend college after graduation.

## GIRL OF THE MONTH



She will be competing in the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey in April.

Ella Menear is the daughter of Rick and Christy Menear of Greensboro. The junior swam away with two gold medals at the WPIAL 2A Swimming Championships at the University of Pittsburgh on March 3 and 4. She set a new WPIAL record of 54.10 seconds in the 100 Backstroke, breaking the old record that had stood for nine years. Ella also started

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# CENTRAL GREENE

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Noah Tustin is the son of Eric Tustin and Amy Tustin of Waynesburg. He is a four-year letterman on the wrestling team and placed in the top six in three national tournaments this year. He was also the 2022 Tricada Champion and Section 4 champion.

Noah recently earned his spot in the 100 Wins Club and placed seventh at the PIAA State Tournament. Noah regularly attends church at the Rolling Meadows Church of God and has participated in youth groups throughout the county. He worked at the Greene County Historical Society for two summers and is currently employed at the EQT Rec Center as a camp counselor and fitness attendant. He enjoys working with

children, attending church, drawing, working out and golfing. Noah has accepted a wrestling scholarship at Clarion University, where he will major in business.

## GIRL OF THE MONTH



Emma Kindervater is the daughter of Eric and Melissa Kindervater of Waynesburg. Emma has played basketball since third grade and lettered this year as a freshman. She is also a member of the Spanish Club and Alpha Beta Club. Emma is a 4.0 student and enjoys hunting and attend-

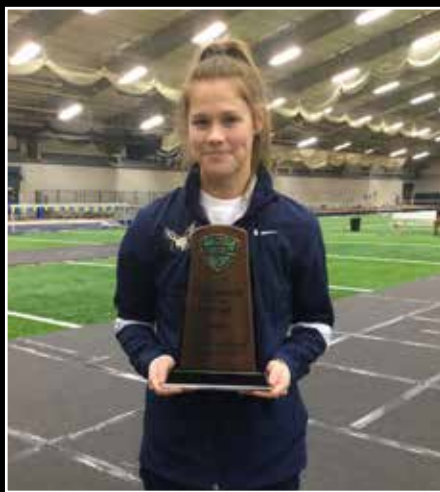
ing church.

## RAIDER ALUMNI TRACK & FIELD UPDATE

Freshman Taylor Shriver (pictured below) was named the MAC Freshman Field Athlete of the Year at Akron University after she placed second at the Mid-American Indoor Track and Field Championships on February 26. She jumped 13' 4.25 "at the meet. The Zip women easily won the team title over second place Eastern Michigan.

Seton Hill freshman Gabe McConville set a school record after running a 4.19.47 mile. He also ran the 800 and 3000 meter runs for the Griffins. He placed third at the Indoor Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships on February 26.

William and Mary red-shirt sophomore Daniel Layton finished second in the 60-Meter High Hurdles at the Navy Select Meet on February 18 with a time of 8.54.



Waynesburg Central junior Drew Layton placed second in the PTFCA Indoor Championships at Penn State last month.



Former Raider Tyler Switalski is pitching for Division I Gardner Webb University this season. He has a 1-1 record and recently got a start against Georgia Tech. (Photo Courtesy of Gardner Webb Athletic Department.)

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# WEST GREENE

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Kaden Shields is the son of Mark and Johnetta Shields of Nineveh. He is a junior and competes in cross country, basketball and baseball. On the court, Kaden played guard for the Pioneers as they qualified for the WPIAL playoffs again this season. He was also an important member of last year's baseball team that won West Greene's first-ever play-off game. In school, he is a member of the National Honor Society, the science Club, and the ski club.

## GIRL OF THE MONTH



Emma Crouse is the daughter of Ryan and Denese Crouse of Holbrook. The senior has competed in rifle and track and field throughout her high school career. She was the only member of the Pioneers' rifle team to score a 100-0X. In school, Emma is a member of the ski club and peer mentoring program. She is employed at Bob Evans and as a babysitter. Emma also enjoys doing yoga in her free time.

## WG GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON SUMMARY

Jordan Watson's squad qualified for the PIAA playoffs for the fifth year in a row after posting an 18-5 record. The Pioneers have made the playoffs 10 of the last 11 seasons. This year's senior class had a career record of 82-15, claimed four undefeated section titles, and appeared in the WPIAL championship game three times. In addition, the Pioneers have not lost a section game since February of 2016.

The team received contributions from multiple players. Anna Durbin averaged 20.1 points per game and joined the school's 1,000 Career Point Club. She knocked down 49 three pointers this year and averaged 3.9 steals and 3.2 assist per game. Brooke Barner almost averaged a double/double on the season with 12.1 PPG and 9.3 RPG. Katie Lampe made 57 three pointers on the year, including a school record 11 in one game. Kiley and Kasie Meek were rebounding machines and lockdown defenders. Breann Jackson, Lexi Six and Madison Gaso were also key contributors to the team. Durbin and Lampe were both selected as MaxPreps Pennsylvania Athlete of the Week during the season.

Pioneer fans and the whole County should not take this run for granted because it is unparalleled in Greene basketball history.

# WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY

## WU ESPORTS PROGRAM

Thanks to the support of a \$400,000 gift from an anonymous donor, Waynesburg University is joining the world of esports. Esports is an increasingly popular style of sports competition that focuses on video games and offers multiplayer completions.

The program is soft launching this spring and plans to compete in either the fall or winter of 2022. The varsity sport will be under the umbrella of the Athletics Department and will compete with other collegiate programs around the country. They will recruit esports players as they do with all varsity programs and anticipates the NCAA eventually sanctioning esports.

"I am very excited to see the growth of esports at Waynesburg University," says Director of Athletics Adam Jack. "The generous donor that provided us with this state-of-the-art gaming equipment and esports arena, as well as the vision of President Lee, Provost Baer, and all the Senior Staff members, have created a platform for Waynesburg University to be the premiere location for competitive esports in this region. The partnerships that we have already established have positioned us to take a lead role in the development of esports in Southwestern Pennsylvania."

The university's program plans to engage with local school districts and provide access to gaming stations for competitions. The 25 gaming stations include Alienware computers, monitors, mice, and keyboards; standing desks; gaming chairs; and sound canceling headphones. A state-of-the-art viewing room with a 4' x 8' SmartGlass provides privacy to the team while opaque. Once the glass is electrified, the glass becomes clear for viewing. Local business Direct Results has been assisting the program in its preparations. They created a vinyl wrap design for the projector screen wall. "The University has worked with direct results on many projects, and they produce a fantastic product. That wall wrap really sets off the esports arena."

The program is currently in the process of hiring a Director of Esports/Head Coach to recruit students to the program and grow the program.

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Coached by Rachal Estle and Ashley Rush-Gresko. L-R: Brellynn Wood, Mia Jo Ross, Robi Finley, Kendyl Virgili, Taven Ternitsky, Lacey Braddock, Kylin Oliveto, Khloe Hutchinson, McKinlee Goodnight, Bella Walker. Not pictured: Beautiful Medlen, Joselyn Carter.

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Fastpitch



Coached by Hethe McCollum and Lou Giachetti. L-R back row: Treslee Weston, Breanna Kerr, Bria Stephenson, Ava Wood, Lelia McCollum, Payton Plavi, Addyson Teagarden, Aidan Snider; front row: Catelynn Teagarden, Kallyn Novak, Britney Finney.

14 and Under Smash  
Fastpitch

## GREENE COUNTY BASKETBALL STAT RACES

Not all teams reported or posted on Maxprep

### GIRLS

#### Scoring (At least 10 PPG)

Taylor Dusenberry(M)	20.4
Anna Durbin (WG)	20.1
Kaley Rohanna (WC)	17.5
Krista Wilson (M)	12.4
Brooke Barner (WG)	12.1
Clara Paige Miller (WC)	11.8

#### Rebounds (At least 5 RPG)

Brooke Barner (WG)	9.3
Clara Paige Miller (WC)	8.2
Krista Wilson (M)	7.5
Kasie Meek (WG)	7.2
Anna Durbin(WG)	6.8
Isabella Garnek (M)	5.5
Taylor Dusenberry (M)	5.5
Kiley Meek (WG)	5.4

#### Assists (At Least 3 APG)

Anna Durbin (WG)	3.2
Kaley Rohanna (WC)	2.6

#### Steals (At least 2 SPG)

Taylor Dusenberry (M)	4.1
Anna Durbin (WG)	3.9
Katie Lampe (WG)	3.1
Kaley Rohanna (WC)	3.0
Clara Paige Miller (WC)	2.6
Brenna Benke (WC)	2.4
Brooke Barner (WG)	2.2
Baily Rafferty (M)	2.1

### BOYS

#### Scoring (At least 10 PPG)

Chris Barrish (Carm)	22.2
Tahj Jacobs (JM)	15.2
Chase Henkins (WC)	15.0
Drake Long (Carm)	13.4
Mike Stewart (Carm)	13.3
Colt Fowler (JM)	12.8
Dawson Fowler (WC)	12.6
Jacob Mason (WC)	12.4
Troy Wright (JM)	12.1
Ian Van Dyne (WG)	11.5
Tyler Richmond (Carm)	10.4

#### Rebounds (At least 5 RPG)

Jacob Mason (WC)	10.0
Casey Miller (WG)	6.3
Hudson Pincavich (WG)	6.0
Cory Wise (WG)	5.7
D. Gustafson (WC)	5.3
Ian VanDyne (WG)	5.1

#### Assists (At least 3 APG)

Chase Henkins (WC)	3.5
Dawson Fowler (WC)	3.1

#### Steals (At least 2 APG)

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

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# GET A HOBBY!

Having a hobby enriches your life. The benefits of hobbies can affect many aspects of your life, from your mental well-being, your work life, and (depending on the hobby) your physical health. Health benefits of hobbies include reduced stress, enhanced well-being, improved social connection, decreased depression and anxiety, improved mental health, encourage efficiency, add layers to your identity, provide a sense of mastery, increase esteem levels, increase creativity, improve confidence and so much more.

The biggest barrier that most people face when deciding to take a hobby is time. So, how can you make time for a new hobby?

Watch how you spend your time. Many people often function on autopilot and have little awareness for how they are spending their time. They log into social media, turn on a television show, or get involved in similar time wasters. Before you know it, hours have passed and you've been lost in an entertainment fog, accomplishing little. Start watching how you spend your time, and you may find times when you're running on autopilot that could be better used enjoying your favorite hobby.

Consider microbreaks. Microbreaks are short breaks taken during your workday. These breaks help increase productivity and improve engagement. Use your microbreak to do something that you appreciate.

Work your hobby into your schedule. Even a small amount of time on a hobby each day can add up. (Consider those microbreaks!) Can't find time to work on your hobby every day? Try a hobby day instead of hobby hour. Set aside a day each week (or however best works for you) that you can dedicate to experiencing your hobby.

Schedule your hobbies. Modern lives run on tight schedules with lots to balance. One of the best ways to balance everything and make time for your needs is to plan your days in advance with time blocking. Plan out your day or week and make sure to include your hobby time in your plan. And then stick to it!

Another barrier facing those that want to take up a hobby is choosing a hobby. Ask yourself some questions to focus on a hobby that will provide enjoyment. Would you prefer activities in groups or alone? Do you want to increase your physical activity? Do you have a skill that you would like to develop? Do you want your hobby to challenge you? Other factors to consider would be your time and money available



Puzzle competitions give your brain a workout (Photo courtesy Eva K. Bowlby Library Facebook.)

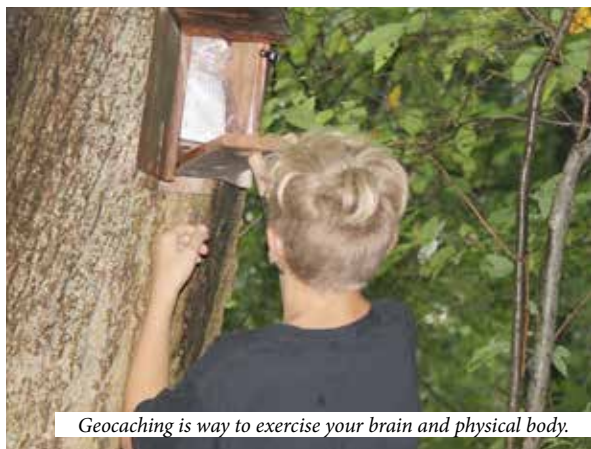
to invest in your hobby.

What are some of the hobbies you can get involved in here in Greene County? Well, many hobbies can be done individually and with the wealth of resources available online, you can dive right in to learning about your future hobby. But if you're looking to enjoy some activities with fellow Greene County community members, here are some ideas to get you involved!

**Gardening.** Did you know that Greene County has a branch of Penn State Master Gardeners? Put your green thumb to work and join the Master Gardeners. FMI, visit [extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/greene](http://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/greene).

**Kayaking & Boating.** Kayaking and canoeing has grown in popularity over the past couple years and with its creeks and wonderful river, Greene County is the perfect place to enjoy this activity. Want to learn more about kayaking in Greene? Join up with like-minded individuals at "Kayak Greene County" on Facebook. Ten Mile Creek and the Monongahela River offer enjoyable boating opportunities,

**Arts & Crafts.** Photography, art, woodworking, writing If you're artistically inclined, drawing, painting, and sculpting are wonderful hobbies. While Greene County doesn't have an art club, both Uniontown ([uniontownartclub.org](http://uniontownartclub.org)) and Morgantown ([morgantownartassociation.com](http://morgantownartassociation.com)) offer clubs with classes, contests, and galleries. Local artists often gather for impromptu watercolor sessions at Kiln to Table, local crafters and artists hold classes and events; local artists like Leslie Fehling and Artis Corwin lead art workshops. Our libraries are also a source of craft classes. If photography is more your thing, consider joining the Greene County Photography Club ([greenecountyphotoclub.org](http://greenecountyphotoclub.org)). They hold monthly meetings with presentations. If you're interested in blacksmithing, visit the annual Hammer-In each April to connect with local blacksmiths at the W.A. Young & Sons Foundry & Machine Shop. and crafting is also a popular hobby in the area; Lippencott Alpacas sometimes has classes for those that work with fiber. The annual Sheep & Fiber Festival in Waynesburg is also a great place for fiber enthusiasts to ...continued on page 36.



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**Cryptozoology & Paranormal.** If you're interested in the paranormal or cryptozoology, you're in the right place. It's been said that Greene County is one of the most haunted places in the United States, so there's no better place to explore your interest in things that go bump in the night. Local author Kevin Paul's book *Haunted Hills & Hollows* book series is a great way to find out about the paranormal activity in the county. Other Pennsylvania and West Virginia authors have offered paranormal activities in southwestern Pennsylvania, also. Local organizations and businesses sometimes host ghost hunts at their locations with area paranormal investigators. Greene County is even home to its own annual paranormal convention – the Southwestern Pennsylvania Haunted Con (held this year on March 19).

**Fishing & Hunting.** Greene County's game lands and waterways are ideal for hunting and fishing. We're also home to a beagle club and a coonhound club, both used for hunting as well as sporting events. Other related hobbies you can enjoy in the Greene County area are target shooting, archery competitions, gunsmithing, and gun safety.

**Cooking & Baking.** Cooking and baking are terrific hobbies for those that enjoy working with food. In addition to cooking and baking for yourself, friends, and family members, you can use your skills in the kitchen to participate in local bake sales, chili cookoffs, fair and festival contests, and more.

**Puzzle Competitions.** Did you know that building jigsaw puzzles improves cognition, short-term memory, works both sides of your brain, improves visual-spatial reasoning and is a great stress reliever? If you enjoy working jigsaw puzzles, consider entering Bowlby Library's monthly puzzle competition.

**Outdoors.** If you enjoy spending time outdoors, there's lots to do in southwestern Pennsylvania. In addition to hiking, the outdoors is great for birdwatching, ramp and mushroom foraging, and flower walks. Each year, the Enlow Fork Wildflower Walk (May 1, 2022) allows visitors a day to enjoy local flora and fauna. Spring is also the perfect time to head out to forage for ramps, and during both spring and summer other edible items can be found in our woods. Greene County is home to the Ralph K. Bell Bird Club of Greene County. The

club was founded in 2006 and members meet bi-monthly to participate in birdwatching activities, like bird counts and trips. FMI, visit their Facebook group "Ralph K. Bell Bird Club of Greene County". Other outdoor activities include metal detecting and geocaching. Check out "Metal Detecting Western Pennsylvania", "Vukmanic-Eddy Metal Detecting In Greene", and "Pittsburgh Area Geocaching Association".

**Environmental.** If you are passionate about helping the environment, there are hobbies and organizations you can get involved with locally. Bat and bird boxes/homes can be built and placed on your property, rain barrel workshops are offered so that you can recycle rainwater, and community clean-ups keep our neighborhoods beautiful. Organizations like the Dunkard Creek Watershed Association work with purple martins, and help protect the Dunkard Creek watershed.

**History.** The Greene County area is steeped in history – and even has its own historical museum! The museum holds multiple events each year for those interested in history; these include virtual and in-person lectures, a harvest festival, and tours. For those interested in historical research and genealogy, the museum, Cornerstone Genealogical Society, Carmichaels Area Historical Society, the courthouse, and Greene Connections offer extensive historical records. Want a more active involvement in history? Consider joining up with local reenactors. These reenactors take part in local events such as the museum's Harvest Festival and the White Covered Bridge Festival. FMI, visit [greeneconomyhistory.org](http://greeneconomyhistory.org), [cornerstone-genealogy.com](http://cornerstone-genealogy.com), [carmichaelsareahistoricalociety.com](http://carmichaelsareahistoricalociety.com), and [greeneconnections.com](http://greeneconnections.com).

**Flying.** If you ever considered a career as a professional pilot or just wanted to learn how to fly a plane for person use, the Greene County airport and Support our Aviation Resources of Greene County (SOAR) are great places to start. FMI, check out [soarofgreeneconomy.org](http://soarofgreeneconomy.org).

**Models.** Working with model cars and airplanes is a fun way to spend your leisure time – and Carmichaels even has its own model store! If you're into model airplanes, join up with other enthusiasts at the John Brodak Memorial Fly-in in June for six days of model airplane fun.

**Community activities.** Our communities are often holding events and activities that area great way to pass the time. Many community centers or fire departments hold bingos, cash bashes, cornhole tournaments and more. These activities are a great way to get out of the house and support local organizations. Other community activities include bake sales, spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts, fundraisers, car shows, festivals, classes, and more. Check with your local community centers, churches, fire departments, veteran/mili-

tary associations, scout groups and more to see what events are holding.

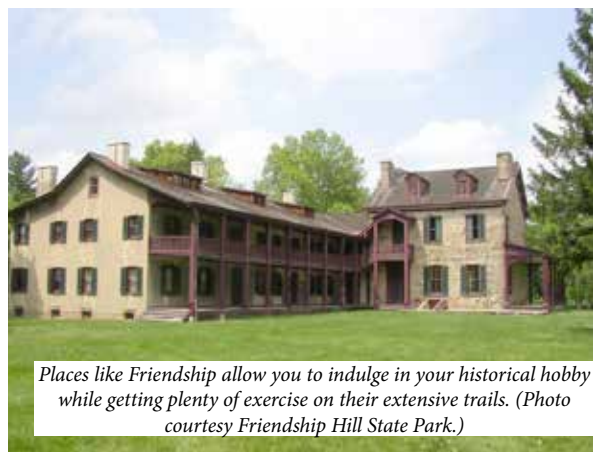
**Sports & Recreation.** Get out there and enjoy some physical activity. In addition to adult sports leagues, Greene County offers lots of opportunities to enjoy physical activities. The EQT REC Center offers classes and events, and our Greene County parks offer tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts, swimming pools, and more. If hiking is more your style, enjoy hiking at Ryerson Station State Park, along the Greene River Trail, Mason-Dixon Historical Park, or on the Warrior Trail. Other local groups organize 5K races in the area.

**Automobile restoration.** If you love cars, trucks, and motorcycles, consider automobile restoration as a hobby. Auto hobbyists dedicate a substantial amount of time and effort into finding the perfect car and seeing its restoration through to the end. And once the car is done, what better way to enjoy it than to cruise Greene County's winding roads and take in the bucolic beauty around you? Or show it off at a car show! The Greene County area is home to many auto shows during the spring and summer months. These organizations are also usually looking for volunteers to make their events successful. Reach out to the organizations and see what kind of help you can offer!

**Volunteerism.** Not sure what hobby is right for you? If you enjoy helping others consider volunteering with one of Greene County's many local organizations. Volunteers are needed to organize local events like Rain Day, Holiday Open House, 50s Fest, the covered bridge festivals, and others. Other organizations need help with their operations services. Greene County has churches, food banks, museums, organizations, schools and more that are always in need of volunteers!



Greene County is home to many car shows such as 50s Fest & Car Cruise. (Photo courtesy Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful.)



Places like Friendship allow you to indulge in your historical hobby while getting plenty of exercise on their extensive trails. (Photo courtesy Friendship Hill State Park.)



Interested in taking to the skies? The Greene County airport is home to flying clubs and organizations.



Southwestern Pennsylvania has a rich heritage and history to explore. (Photo courtesy GCHS Museum Facebook.)

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# Elder Fraud



sand people over the age of 60 fell victim to some form of fraud. In

total, they lost more than \$966 million dollars. This number has almost doubled over the past five years; in 2015, the number of victims was under 60 thousand, with a total loss of under \$300 million dollars. Pennsylvania ranks seven in the country with the most victims over the age 60, following California, Florida, Texas, New York, Colorado, and Illinois. FMI, read the Internet Crime Complaint Center's

(IC3) 2020 Elder Fraud report, available on [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

Out of the many scams out there affecting people of all ages, some are more common among elder fraud. These scams include (but are not limited to) romance scams, grandparent scams, impersonation scams, services scams, and lottery/charity scams.

**Romance scams.** Criminals pretend to be interested in the victim romantically. They often will use social media or dating websites to get close to the victim.

**Grandparent scams.** In this scam, criminals pretend to be a relative, usually a child or young adult, in desperate financial need. Common premises are bail money, travel funds, or other similar things.

Sometimes it starts with a phone call. A scared young voice asking grandma or grandpa for help. They need money for bail. Maybe they are being detained at a border crossing. Or their car broke down eight states away from home. Whatever the reason, the call has one purpose: they need money quickly or they're in trouble.

Of course, the grandparent wants to help. They provide financial information over the phone, or they head out to the local store and send a money transfer. Once they're home, they call their grandchild back to make sure they received the money only to find out that the child had never asked for money. In fact, they weren't even in that location. It was a scam the entire time.

In 2020, more than one hundred thou-

**Government impersonation scams.** Pretending to be a government official, criminals persuade victims to make a payment for an "official" problem; often arrest or prosecution is threatened if the victim fails to pay.

**Services scams.** Criminals pose as experts in a field such as tech repair, home improvement, credit repair, mortgages, etc. to acquire sensitive personal and financial information or charge homeowners for services they will not complete.

**Lottery/charity scams.** Criminals attempt to collect a fee from the victim for a (usually) foreign lottery they have won or collect a donation for a charity.

With all these scams out there, many seniors wonder what they can do to protect themselves. So, what can you do to stay safe?

Educate yourself about the common scams so that you can recognize potential scams quickly. If the call or letter is unsolicited, be wary and do your research before sending money or information.

Do not react urgently! Take a minute to search online for information verifying the information being presented. Research the charity or business and try to find if they (and the scammer) are legitimate. Call the police immediately if you fear that you, a friend, or family member is in imminent danger.

Keep your computer's security and anti-virus software up to date. Enable pop up

blockers on your computer; if you receive a pop up, do not click it! Close it if you can. If you can't close your browser, disconnect from the internet, or shut down your device to deny access to your computer. Never download attachments from strangers and do not click links that you receive in emails, online messages, or text messages. If you believe someone has been able to access your accounts, change your passwords immediately. Call your financial institution and let them know that someone may have your information. Closely monitor your online accounts, financial statements, and other personal information for strange activity.

Above all else, if you have been a victim of a scam – REPORT IT! If you believe that you have been a victim of elder fraud, the best way to report it is to contact your local Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) field office. The closest field office to Greene County is the Pittsburgh field office located at 3311 East Carson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. You can also reach them at 412-432-4000 or via website at [pittsburgh.fbi.gov](http://pittsburgh.fbi.gov). You can also file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. Please report any fraud that you may have experienced quickly to save others from falling victim to the same scammer.



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# Be a Betty

By Michelle Church

How many people could live 99 years and have everyone say it wasn't long enough? Not many! The first person that probably pops into mind is Betty White.

Betty had a wonderful reputation for her kind heart and her love of animals. Many had been planning to celebrate her 100th birthday. With her passing shortly before her 100th birthday, the plans of celebration changed to plans to honor her memory. The best way to honor a woman like Betty White? By "being a Betty" and participating in the Betty White Challenge. The challenge encouraged everyone to find a local animal shelter and donate in Betty White's name. It was absolutely beautiful to see the way Greene County stepped up to honor Betty White's memory.

Betty White was an animal lover and advocate, as well as an author. In her book *Pet Love*, Betty White said she was often asked, "When did you become an animal lover?" Betty's reply? "In the womb." She said she never felt like an only child because she grew up with pets. She credited her beloved pets to helping her through the loss of her husband. Her love of animals inspired her affiliation with the Los Angeles Zoo and the Morris

Animal Foundation.

Two local animal rescues that participated in the Betty White Challenge were Safe Acres Animal Rescue and Teddy Bear Cares Corporation.

Safe Acres is a new nonprofit foster-based rescue in Waynesburg. "Our rescue runs off community support, donations and foster parents," says Heather Juran. In addition to donations through their Facebook page, Heather says, "Crazy Horse Coffee/Help Hard in Washington chose Safe Acres to be a recipient of a donation that they collected by making a special drink for Betty's honor. They donated proceeds from a portion of drink sales." Safe Acres is accepting donations through PayPal ([www.paypal.com/paypalme/SafeAcres](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/SafeAcres)) and @Safe-Acres on Venmo.

Teddy Bear Cares (TBC) is another foster-based animal rescue in Greene County. TBC president Karen Roberts says, "We depend upon volunteers to do the work of animal rescue, and we're always looking for people who want to dedicate some of their free time to the mission for our community. We set people up with their own skill sets to do what they love best while helping the ani-

mals. TBC is also supported by donations to run the organization." Karen also mentions: "Betty White set the bar for all of us to reach...put forth that same labor of love into the needs of the animals! It's about the animals, while offering education, training, and love!" In addition to donations for the Betty White Challenge, TBC is also selling a "Be a Betty" mug to raise funds at [www.tbccares.org/donate](http://www.tbccares.org/donate).

Betty White's last message to her fans was posted online shortly after her death and it feels personally directed at those that participated in the Betty White Challenge. In the video Betty says, "I just want to thank you all for your love and support. Thank you so much!" There is no doubt that Betty would be proud of all of the good that has been done in her name in Greene County.



Area rescues benefited from community member efforts to take the Betty White Challenge.



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# Mental Health & Self-Care

By Keli Reams



I am frequently talking to my clients, loved ones, and friends about the benefits of self-care. What is self-care and why is it so important?

What works for some people, may not work for others. It is about what works for **you** and that may result in some trial and error on the path to discovery.

We cannot care for others to our full potential if we are not caring for ourselves. I love the analogy of placing the oxygen mask on ourselves prior to placing them on those around us, which happens in every airplane flight demonstration prior to take off.

Self-care can include healthy activities and habits that add to our emotional, physical, and mental wellness. For some this may be getting enough sleep, eating a healthy diet, or taking a bubble bath to relax after a difficult day. For others this may look like a transition from the work day to home life. This can also involve turning off email notifications in the evening, unplugging altogether, or throwing a blanket over the desk as a reminder that the work day is over.

I have found great reward in taking up different hobbies in my down time, with the most recent being the new found enjoyment in completing puzzles. Others prefer spend-

ing increased time with those they care about or catching up for lunch with an old friend.

With the weather getting and staying warmer, I am reminded of the benefits of two types of walks I enjoy outside during the spring and summer months. The first walk is strictly for exercise and I refer to the second as a mindful walk.

The mindful walk incorporates light exercise but the focus is on taking in the environment and the sounds of nature while soaking in the sun and absorbing some Vitamin D. It involves gratitude practices and living in the present moment. Some people even refer to this as a walking meditation. It is a great opportunity to remember what is important and what will no longer matter in a week's time.

I know that everyone is busy but some activities of self-care can take as little as five minutes to do. Find what works for you and do more of it. You will be glad you made the effort to invest in yourself!

If adding more self-care in your life does not help in managing stress and you are unable to feel like the person you know you are capable of being, I encourage you to seek out the help of professional like myself or someone else!

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# BE WATER SMART!

There are dozens of bodies of water in southwestern Pennsylvania and North Central West Virginia, ranging from rivers, lakes, ponds, and swimming pools. These waterways are a great asset to the region, generating commerce, transportation, and recreation, but they also pose a danger to people of all walks of life. Any body of water can increase a person's risk of drowning, physical injury, or exposure to harmful elements. To make sure the citizens of this region are aware of these hazards, a local aquatic fitness center from Morgantown, WV has decided to host a special event to promote overall water safety in both Greene and Monongalia counties.

On Friday, April 1, 2022, The Aquatic Center & Track Complex at Mylan Park will be hosting their Second Annual April Pool's Day event to encourage children and adults in the local area to have fun and learn how to prevent water-related accidents and how to stay safe in various outdoor summertime activities. The event will last from 3:45-8:00 p.m. and will be in partnership with other Morgantown based organizations like the local chapter of the American Red Cross, WVU Medicine's Children Hospital, the West Vir-

ginia Department of Resources, and WDTV. Those who participate in the educational event will also receive free swim time for the remainder of the business day until 8 p.m. in the Huntington Community Pool.

The event will be covering a wide array of Summertime safety tips and lessons, including drowning prevention and the cycle of drowning, sun exposure tips, boating safety, safe swimming practices, home safety, vacation/traveling safety, and more. Participants can also receive a tour of the entire facility, check out their new concession stand sponsored by WonderBubble, and learn about their competitive swimming and yoga programs.

Miranda Buitter, aquatics manager and the event's coordinator, believes that the key to keeping the community protected around water is educating everyone on the importance of safety around open water spaces. "Many people in this area are simply not aware of the impact water safety knowledge has on themselves and their families since we're surrounded by mountains, but we're a thriving community with large exposure to open water," Buitter said. "The focus of this event is to not only entertain the participants, but to also

get these lessons to stick in their minds. We want all our community members to learn what to do in these dangerous situations and how to prevent them in the first place."

The Aquatic Center & Track Complex at Mylan Park also offers swimming lessons for both children and adults year-round. Sessions can be private or as part of a small group and are little to no cost depending on the student's situation. These swimming lesson will also be mentioned at the April Pools Day event, and the next official sessions are available for enrollment to start in April.

FMI or to pre-register for the event, contact the Mylan Park Aquatic Center at 304-933-2782 or at aqua@mylanpark.org.



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On April 22, 1970, the United States introduced Earth Day. This annual holiday was established to bring awareness to environmental and ecological concerns. Fifty-two years later, the date has become increasingly important for creating awareness of those issues facing our planet.

To celebrate Earth Day, local business Direct Results, the home of the GreeneScene Magazine, is taking action to increase awareness and efforts regarding littering in our beautiful county. The company has launched their new anti-littering campaign to make our county more unspoiled.

They have created and maintained several cleverly customized trash cans. These have been placed throughout the county for all community members to place their trash in. You can't help but notice these colorful and witty trash receptacles in various locations.

For Earth Day 2022, Direct Results owner Pamela Marisa is asking all citizens of Greene County to take individual initiative in cleaning up their hometown area.



"We believe that keeping our community clean is a personal responsibility," Marisa says. "We hope that everyone recognizes how beautiful our county is and takes action to preserve that beauty."

We are encouraging everyone to do their part to prevent littering. Even small actions taken by many can make a huge impact for the whole region.

You can join Direct Results and GreeneScene in this effort in many ways.

- Purchase a trash can that Direct Results will wrap for free to put in your neighborhood and pledge to empty the can regularly
- Donate funds for a trash can to another party to maintain.
- Make a commitment to collect one bag of litter per month.
- Organize a committee to pick up trash.
- Talk to your children about the importance of not littering.
- Make sure your trash is secure. Newspapers, cans and other light-weight waste materials can be easily picked up by the wind and scattered far away from the correct waste and recycling receptacles.
- Keep a bag in your vehicle and throw your trash in the bag to dispose of later. Not only will this action keep the streets clean, it will keep your car clean and organized as well.
- Plant flowers. It is statistically proven that people are less likely to litter when there are flowers on the ground.
- Lead by example! Nothing is more powerful than the will of one person. Pick up one piece of litter every day. You never know when a person sees you doing the right thing and decides it's a change for the better they should also make.

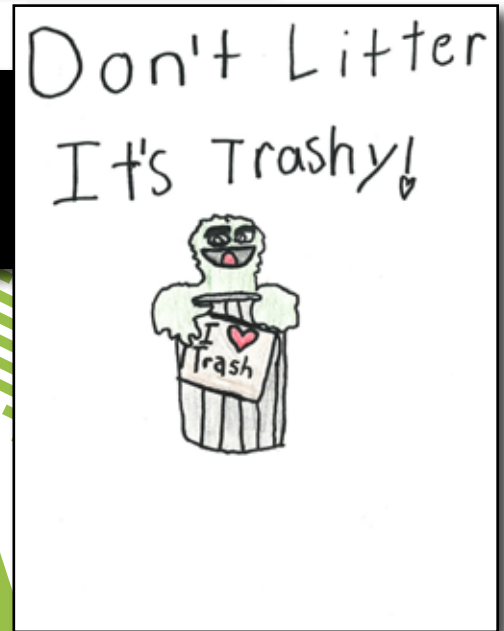
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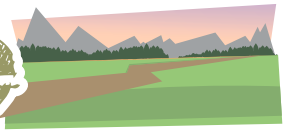
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# Getting Out in Greene



Southwestern Pennsylvania's bucolic hills and peaceful woodlands make it the perfect place to get out and enjoy the outdoors. The area boasts multiple trails for getting out and enjoying nature.

## Greene River Trail

This 7+ mile trail follows the winding path of the Monongahela River. It is ideal for walking, running and biking. The trail offers scenic views of the Monongahela River and surrounding wooded areas. The trail begins at Greene Cove in Jefferson Township and ends at the former Crucible Ferry landing. Parking is available at the Greene Cove Yacht Club and Rices Landing Borough, across from Pumpkin Run Park.

The trail travels past several of the county's coal communities. The Rices Landing Historic District can be viewed from the trail, including locations such as the W.A. Young & Sons Foundry & Machine Shop in Rices Landing. The shop provided machine parts for steamboats and mine machinery, making its location along the Monongahela very convenient. The river served as a water highway for the coal industry and played an enormous part in establishing the economy of our region. Nearby in Rices Landing, a gazebo and Pumpkin Run, Kolat and Min-Love parks are an enjoyable stop. Please contact the Department of Parks & Recreation for more information.

## Warrior Trail

Scholars of the Warrior Trail calculate that Native Americans used it for over 5,000 years for trade, hunting, and warfare. A large section of the trail's 67-mile length passes through Greene County. The 45-mile Greene County segment begins in Greensboro and ends at Pennsylvania's border with West Virginia, six miles north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

As it winds through the county, the Warrior Trail passes through the towns of Aleppo, Nettle Hill, and Kirby. It follows a stream divide that separates the watersheds of Whitely and Dunkard Creeks. The trail is marked by conspicuous yellow dots on trees and posts, as well as both sides of any road crossing. The trail can be entered at any of its intersections with a nearby road. Tour guides are available by contacting the Warrior Trail Association. These guides will point out local and historical points of interest along the trail. Large portions of the trail pass through private property, so trail users must respect the rights of property owners. The trail is voluntarily

maintained through the Warrior Trail Association and local service groups.

## Waynesburg Unity Trail

The Waynesburg Unity Trail is approximately 2 square miles, including 1.5 miles of walking trails and wooded areas that are preserved for student research and environmental restoration. The trail is a safe place for students to learn and do research while spending time with nature. The trail is also available to the greater Waynesburg community to enjoy and appreciate nature in an urban setting.

Parking is available on East Wayne Street or at the bottom of Martin Hall on East Franklin Street. Access to the trail is at the top of the hill by Martin Hall. There are public bathrooms in the Stover Building at the top of the hill.

## Ryerson Station State Park

Eleven miles of trails wind their way through Ryerson Station State Park in Wind Ridge. Hikers are able to witness a large number of different habitats, from open fields and mature forests, to marshy valleys and evergreen plantations. Trek these paths on-foot throughout the spring, summer, and fall—or strap on your cross-country skis for a winter hike. The park offers over two hundred picnic tables for hungry visitors to stop for lunch. There is also a playground and public pool located at the park, and pavilions are available for rental and everyday use. Ryerson also has rest rooms for public use, as well as campgrounds for both tents and trailers.

## Greensboro Borough Trail

Greensboro is an old historic pottery-manufacturing town adjacent to the picturesque Monongahela River. This 1.5 mile of bituminous and concrete paved urban hiking and biking trail extends from Greene County's Mon View Park through Greensboro Borough to the historic Lock Master's house. Mon View Park includes a large playground, pavilions, pool, and a skating rink. Also nearby are a concrete historic walking trail with amenities such as steel benches, a concrete audience plaza, kiosk, and bicycle racks; a large 50' hexagonal steel gazebo shares the area.

## Browns Run Trail

The Browns Run Trail currently follows the abandoned Monongahela Railroad line from the mouth of Browns Run on the Monongahela River to State Route 21 near Masontown.

At this time, the trail extends 7/10ths of a mile from the Wilson-Lardin Mansion to the vicinity of the Rabb House near Ronco-Gates Road. Along the trail there are 4 footbridges, benches along the path, and the surface of the trail is made of pressed stone. A proposed continuation on the trail will eventually pass through the heart of coal and coke country in Fayette County, hopefully becoming a part of the Sheepskin Trail and covering approximately 12 miles.

## Sheepskin Trail

The West Virginia to Point Marion section of the Sheepskin Trail is 1.7 miles long and starts at the West Virginia/Pennsylvania border where it connects with the Mon River Trail. From the border, it travels north along the Monongahela River, through the heart of Point Marion, and ends at the 119 bridge that crosses the Cheat River. The trail will eventually extend 34 miles and connect Point Marion to Dunbar.

## Friendship Hill

The Friendship National Historic site is located north of Point Marion and includes 9.6 miles of trails of varying distance and difficulty. The trails forms loops around the site and wader through meadows and woodlands. The trails are located near the historic home of Albert Gallatin; the museum has been converted into a museum with exhibits that highlight Gallatin's contributions to country. Programs are available throughout the year that focus on both history and nature. There is a picnic area and a comfort station located near the parking area.



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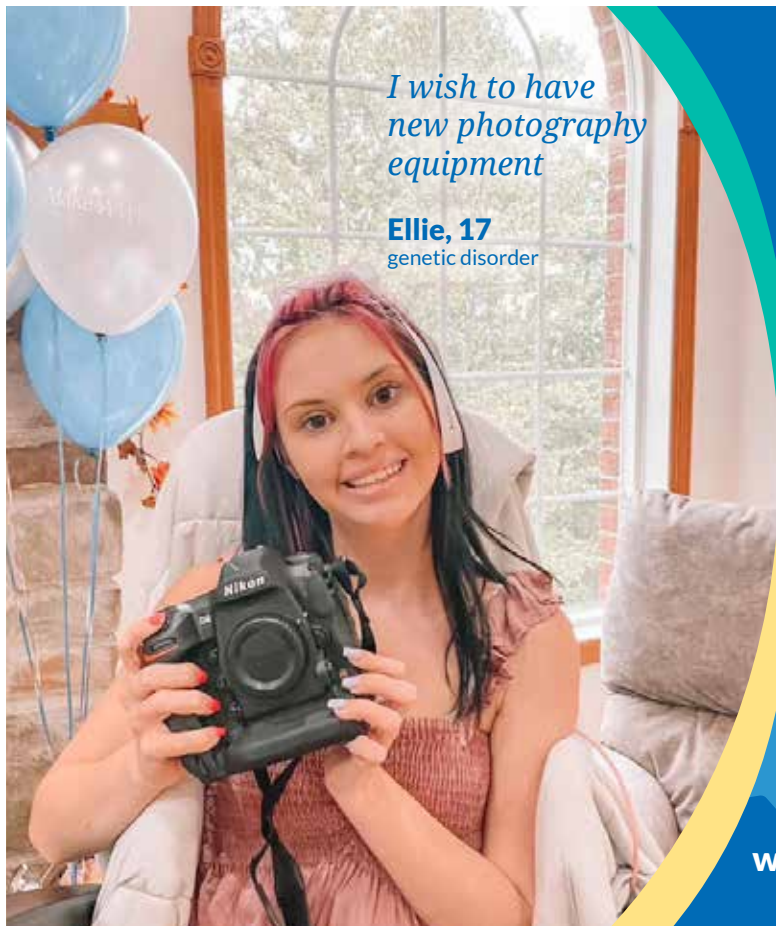
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cause litter, as well. The litter they leave behind presents a danger to the animals that  
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# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS AT DIRECT RESULTS & GREENESCENE

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In April 2002, Bobbi Jo Quallich and Shelly Brown formed a partnership to create a Greene County-centered publication. Each woman invested \$26 for the license application to operate in the state of Pennsylvania. They formed Direct Results and began publishing the *GreeneSaver*, a free-subscription monthly magazine.

The women quickly established a stable growth advertising medium that produced results for local businesses. They also gained a substantial following from the public. People just loved the *GreeneSaver*!

By the end of 2002, monthly income had more than quadrupled that of the first issue. The business was supporting a small, rented office and reasonable income for Bobbi Jo and Shelly. They hired additional help, and in 2003, Pamela (Blaker) Marisa joined the company as a salesperson. She quickly became a necessary part of the trio destined to lead Direct Results to success.

Thanks to the success of the *GreeneSaver*, the women expanded the company into a full-service advertising agency. They hired a full-time graphic designer and gained clients needing ongoing advertising production and services for all media outlets.

Over the next two years, Direct Results earned a reputation for excellence and creativity, and they branched out into the promotional products industry.

In January 2005, the company incorporated as Direct Results BSP, Inc. The Advertising Specialty Industry (ASI) accepted Direct Results as a member and DR ramped up sales of promotional products. They did this all while continuing to refine and grow the *GreeneSaver* and their design department.

In September 2007, the company took an emotional hit with the sudden death of Bobbi Jo Quallich. Shelly and Pamela authorized the company to purchase Bobbie Jo’s stock and became the sole shareholders in the company as equal owners.

Shelly and Pamela stayed the course. Under their leadership, Direct Results BSP Inc. continued to grow and succeed. The company became the go-to agency for small businesses in the southwestern Pennsylvania region for advertising, print, design, and marketing.

In 2009, the area was in an economic boom resulting from the development of the shale gas in the region. Direct Results became aggressive in serving that industry and related businesses. Their effort was successful and created notable sales increases of nearly 50% with each successive year. Much of the growth was in the sale of custom signage, vinyl products, and apparel.

In November 2012, Pam and Shelly purchased one of their local suppliers of vinyl signage and equipment to produce their own signage, custom-embroidered and screen-printed apparel. The expansion caused a move from downtown Waynesburg to a 10,000 sq. ft. building at 185 Wade Street in Waynesburg, PA.

In 2016, the much-loved *GreeneSaver* became the *GreeneScene Community Magazine* to better reflect its dedication to the community. The company continued to grow and expand capabilities through 2019. That year, Shelly Brown retired and Pamela Marisa purchased her shares and became the sole owner.

Pamela wasted no time speeding up Direct Results growth. She purchased new capital equipment in each of the production departments. She then created several more divisions that brought additional services in-house. These services included videography, photography, consulting and coaching, social media management, and website development. In October 2019, Pamela saw growth potential in Morgantown, West Virginia. She added a second location at 3363 University Avenue in Morgantown.

Direct Results now proudly supports the employment of over 50 people with expectations to grow. Both the Morgantown and Waynesburg locations continue to increase their market penetration and revenue volume.

Direct Results started out by helping small businesses. Over the past 20 years, they have grown into a company that can handle the needs of a new start-up or Fortune 100 corporations. They have helped clients in 28 states and across the world.

Today, Direct Results BSP Inc. enjoys the reputation for excellence in service and products that reaches beyond its local region. It remains loyal to its roots and is a proud, stable member of local communities, now with an even greater ability to contribute.

“I am very proud of my team and thankful for the opportunities that have come my way, and look I forward to building many more relationships!” says owner, Pamela Marisa.



Photo captions from top to bottom: (1) The first location of the Direct Results office. This office is no longer there. (2) As Direct Results & the *GreeneSaver* grew, new offices were required. (3) Bobbi Jo Quallich, co-founder of Direct Results. Bobbi passed away unexpectedly in 2007. (4) Shelly Brown and Pamela (Blaker) Marisa at 50s Fest & Cruise. Direct Results employees are often involved in the community and DR’s participation in events such as 50s Fest continues.



# Yes! We can do it!

From its humble beginnings as a monthly magazine being published from a small, rented office in Waynesburg to its current, spacious locations in Waynesburg and Morgantown, Direct Results has evolved into your one-stop shop for marketing - and so much more! The agency's divisions can meet marketing needs, including signs, promotional items, printing, social media, writing, design, consulting, and others. Take a peek at our divisions below.

**Sign Shop** - Our sign shop has state-of-the-art equipment, and is manned by fast, experienced, and talented personnel. They can create any size or style of signage, from hard hat decals to yard signs, to full-color vehicle wraps, and more. We are proud to say that we are the exclusive provider of signage to some of the largest players in the natural gas industry. Personnel completes all signage and wrap installations in-house.

**Screen Printing** - Our custom screen printing and embroidery shop can customize nearly anything you can imagine - caps, shirts, jackets, and more - with names, designs, company logos, or any other desired design. The Pittsburgh Penguins are a notable customer that we serve from this division.

**Print Shop** - Our in-house print shop can produce postcards, business cards, brochures, carbonless forms, or flyers lightning fast! We have all our commercial printers in-house, and we have been meeting the printing needs of area businesses for 16 years.

**Promotional Products** - We constantly monitor current and emerging trends to get our customers the most popular items with the best price and quality. Our efforts to find you innovative and unique new ideas will keep you on the leading edge by keeping your brand immediately familiar to existing and potential customers.

**Graphic Design** - With extensive industry experience, our designers are expertly skilled in communicating via design, regardless of the application. They are also accomplished multi-media artists in drawing, painting, mixed media, and more. Our designers are efficient with their time, delivering your work in a cost-efficient manner.

**Video Production** - At Direct Results, we don't just tell your story - we allow people to feel your message. From fear to excitement, evoking powerful emotions in video allows you to break through the digital chatter and form a meaningful bond with your audience. Our video production division can create high-impact videos of your organization that precipitate the viral chatter you are seeking.

**Social Media** - Our social media team is an ideal blend between marketers and storytellers. Through customized solutions and our crafted social media process, our team is ready to share your story by delivering the right content to the right audiences at the right times to grow your brand. Humanize your brand, engage your customers, educate your audience, and tell your story. Our managed campaigns will produce measurable results with a medium that creates raving fans.

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While Direct Results holds regular internal "Think Tank" sessions, we also corroborate with our clients to achieve "win-win-wins," which includes the community as that third winning party. The Direct Results Consulting Division can also lead incredibly productive ideations for our clients and partners.

Direct Results is a proud certified woman-owned, team-oriented, and socially conscious enterprise. We believe whole-heartedly that we are the partner you have been looking for. If you need to see more, we invite you to take a tour of our facilities and meet our team.



# GIVE BLOOD. GIVE LIFE.

By Morgan Marisa

Vitalant, formerly Central Blood Bank, is Western Pennsylvania's primary blood collection center, providing blood to about 50 hospitals in the area including Allegheny Health Network, UPMC and Washington Hospital Greene. In addition to its 10 blood donation centers, Vitalant also offers opportunities to give blood at community blood drives throughout the area.

There is a misconception that blood is only needed after large-scale disasters or tragedies, but the truth is there is an endless line of patients who require blood transfusions. According to Vitalant's website, there is a need for approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells, 5,000 units of platelets, and 6,500 units of plasma every single day in the United States.

Donated blood helps save the lives of patients in area hospitals with a wide range of medical conditions; including people experiencing traumatic injuries, those being treated for cancer, and premature babies who may not survive without blood transfusions. In addition, patients undergoing elective surgery may need blood, as well as patients with chronic illnesses like sickle cell disease, who require ongoing transfusions.

According to Kristen Lane, communications manager with Vitalant, "There is a national -- as well as local -- blood shortage right now. Currently, the hospitals we serve require about 600 blood donations every day for their patients. However, we only getting about 300 donations a day. As a result, we are forced to bring in blood from outside the community."

"Hospitals have a never-ending need for blood," she continued. "Blood cannot be manufactured. It only comes from volunteer donors, and it has a limited shelf-life. This is why we ask healthy, eligible people our community to roll up their sleeves and make blood donation a regular habit."

Those concerned about giving blood should know that the actual donation only takes around ten minutes. The entire process -- from registration, to getting your mini-physical, to post-donation juice and cookies -- takes about an hour. Many compare the physical aspect of blood donation as mild, split-second pinch. Blood donors should also expect a brief health screening and questionnaire beforehand to determine eligibility.

Donating blood gives people the extraordinary power to save lives. While not everyone can be a first responder, or a front-



line medical provider helping those in need, it only takes about ten minutes for anyone to help save as many as three lives by donating just one pint of blood.

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