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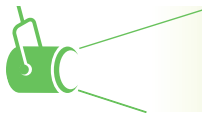
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## The Hungarian Smokehouse

If there's one thing Joel Pekar knows, it's high-quality meat. After all, he is the general manager for Carmichaels' famous The Hungarian Smokehouse, considering he grew up in the business. While his mother, Melissa Adamson-Crick, still owns the noted butchershop/restaurant, Joel is currently leading the business operations as a partner and will eventually inherit the business entirely.

Since 1984, The Hungarian Smokehouse has been supplying Greene County and its surrounding areas with affordable butchering and hand-crafted specialties. Over the years, the smokehouse has added on additional services, like catering and to-go meals. Joel wishes to continue with this trend and has plenty of ideas on how to modernize the smokehouse and help it thrive in a post-covid environment.

Joel's biggest goal is to take his family's butchershop into the digital age. He has al-

ready implemented innovative technology into the business, like QR codes on his menus and advertisements, future online ordering system, and an updated website that corresponds with his social media channels. He even hopes to one day expand the business into other regions using e-commerce.

"I want to make this business the Disney World of butchershops," Joel says. "I'm the third generation to run the smokehouse, and I think it's finally time to bring it into the future."

Overall, Joel is quite happy to see the business he grew up in succeed but realizes that the glory isn't his alone. He would also like to thank his employees Nathan Danforth, Luke Cumpston, Jadena Walters, Katie Kline, Remington Renner and the rest of his staff for helping the Hungarian Smokehouse transition into its next chapter.





Volunteers keep the machine shop open and receiving and entertaining visitors with information and demonstrations. L-R; TJ Porfeli, Steve Niederriter, Kirsten Crowe, Gary Shriver, Ron Baraff and Bly Blystone (sitting).



Bly Blystone welcomes visitors to the W.A. Young & Sons Foundry and Machine Shop in Rices Landing.

It's a sunny Sunday morning in Rices Landing and visitors have begun to arrive. They park on the berm beside the public rest rooms overlooking a broad stretch of the Monongahela River, hemmed by the green hills of high summer. They cluster for a while, laughing, saying hello, taking in the view of pleasure boats cutting patterns on the water, then head over to 114 Water Street to see what they've come to see.

"From London," one couple tells me. "We visited Carrie Furnaces last year. This year we're back to see the foundry."

The W.A. Young & Sons Foundry & Machine Shop has become what a generation of volunteers dared dream it would someday be – a restored, world-class heritage site with a pedigree that can't be beat.

Present owners, Rivers of Steel, considers the machine shop that William A. Young built in 1900 with lumber from the family farm "a prime example of America's industrial heritage." A foundry was added in 1908 and electric in 1928 and it was in continuous use for 65 years, serving the river trade, area coal mines and the community. When the business closed in 1965, its equipment, dating from 1870 to 1920 and its inventory were left undisturbed. The machine shop became a National Historic Landmark in 2009.

Despite, or perhaps because of the COVID-19 lockdown, new enthusiasts have been taking the scenic road trip to Rices Landing in ever increasing numbers. Visitors can now go online through Rivers of Steel to sign up for what are still limited access tours, paying \$10 a ticket to see our industrial past come to life.

The machinery is in working order and ready to roll when the gas engine that powers each piece through an intricate network of overhead belts is fired up. For all this capability to generate noise, the cavernous high ceilinged first floor

exudes a certain serene otherworldliness as light from tall windows filters down and the forge glows as the blacksmith pulls a rod of hot metal from the fire, lays it on the anvil and brings his hammer down.

Site manager T J Porfeli splits his time and driving distance between his two part time jobs with Rivers of Steel. "I live in Eighty Four, halfway between Carrie Furnaces and the foundry."

At Carrie Blast Furnaces, a National Historic Landmark in Swissvale, Porfeli works with visitors who carve designs into the walls of molds to make aluminum bowls and tokens. He hopes to have a furnace installed at the foundry to bring the art and excitement of the aluminum pour to Rices Landing.

Today he's here to officiate the tours that will arrive throughout the day. He and fellow blacksmith Gary Shriver take turns at the forge and volunteers Bly Blystone and Stephen Niederriter are there to explain what the various machines were designed to do, retooling river boat crank shafts, milling, refitting and restructuring parts, grinding, cutting and pneumatically pounding and penetrating thick steel. Upstairs in the patterning rooms a wide array of wooden gears and mechanical parts are on display. When the foundry was in operation, parts to be made of metal would first be constructed to the millimeter in wood to make the mold that would then be poured. Skilled journeymen learned this part of the process as young apprentices. These were the artisan skills needed to build the Industrial Age from scratch. Thanks to Rivers of Steel, our heavy metal past of blast furnaces and places like this old machine shop have been preserved for other generations to marvel over and learn from.

Rivers of Steel President and CEO August "Augie" Car-

lino remembers when he first met up with the old shop and became an instant fan. "I was at a River Fest in Rices Landing and someone said 'Man you gotta go see this place!' A couple of weeks later I met Norma Kline and she asked me to help raise money for the machine shop."

The late Norma Kline of Rices Landing was just one of the community of activists and organizers who kept the dream alive through the early cash strapped years. Corporate sponsorship and foundation grants were and are hard to come by for small, grassroots movements. Carlino knew this was a piece of history too valuable to lose, so Rivers of Steel stepped in to help raise \$75,000 through Eberly Foundation and Pennsylvania History Museum grants. But it would take much more to make this place the well-preserved museum piece visitors see today. Rivers of Steel took stewardship in 2008 in keeping with its mission to help communities become stewards. "Our plan is to be interim owners not permanent. When full restoration is achieved, it will be returned to whoever is able to maintain it."

The last 13 years of funding each phase of restoration has put new roofing and gutters on the cluster of integrated shops, foundry space and additions that make up the complex. Structural problems have been tackled and this year there's a freshly painted exterior and windows have been removed, historically recreated and replaced.

Carlino is happy to add that this has been a bipartisan effort. "Saving our heritage is something we all can agree on."

Back at the shop, the visitors are slowly leaving but some stay to chat. Ron Baraff, Rivers of Steel Director of Historic Resources and Facilities has taken the tour and is all smiles. "This is such a fine example of what we can do for ourselves in our own back yard."



*The W.A. Young & Son's Foundry and Machine Shop sits along the Monongahela River and offers a great view of traveling barges and boats.*



*TJ Porfeli became enamored with the machine shop after his first visit to a Hammer In. He helps others that are interested in learning the craft.*

Others linger by the forge where the fires are still burning. "Honestly I don't have to make anything – just hitting the metal is enough," Porfeli jokes as he swings his hammer. A ledge beside the forge is covered with first projects that students like Porfeli learned to make when they came here as apprentices – leaves with chiseled veins, wall hooks with twisted stems, letter openers and blacksmith crosses, each a lesson in techniques that lead to mastery of the craft.

Porfeli and Shriver got their start here when they came to their first Hammer Ins and decided they wanted to learn more. They know how lucky they are to have this heritage shop where they can practice their craft and share it with others.

"Anyone who wants to learn needs to be safe," Porfeli has a list of safety items required to work with fire - boots, jeans, cotton shirts, gloves and goggles. Youth need parental approval and a willingness to learn the tools and language of the trade and most important – to listen to their teacher.

He hands over a sheet of instructions. "Here's a list of what you need to buy and what you need to know. Come back when you know

the answers and don't forget to have your parents sign."

Outside, a riverboat goes by pushing barges past the place where paddleboats once tied off and dragged their broken parts up the bank and through the open door of Young's machine shop to be repaired.

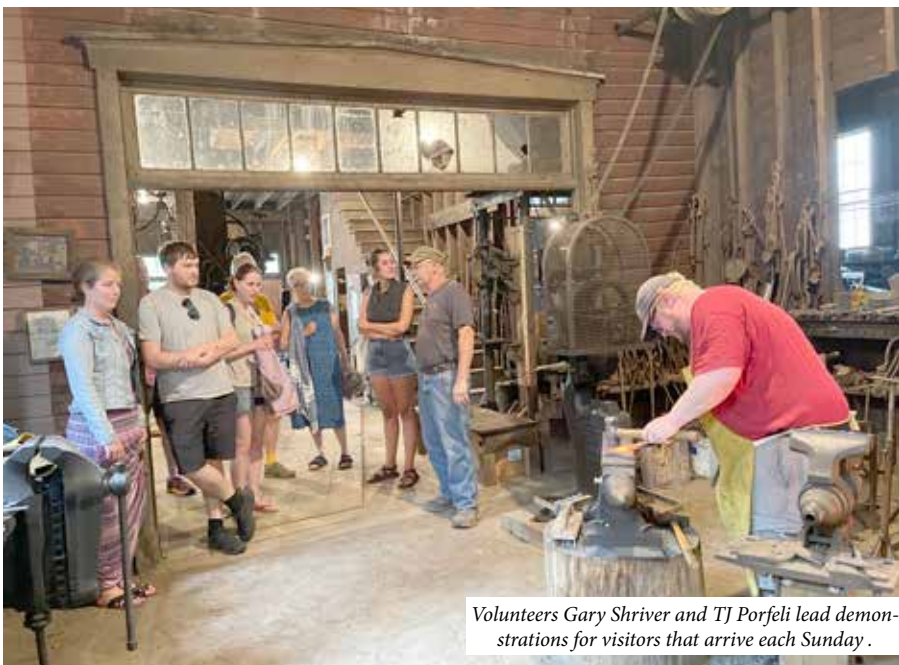
Two visitors have returned to take selfies with their classic MG Midget against a backdrop of freshly painted foundry.

After touring Carrie Blast Furnaces this summer, Pittsburghers Andrew Moore, a mechanical engineer and Sydney Coombs, with a PhD in chemistry brought their penchant for "tinkering with old tools and old cars" with them as they browsed the shop's wealth of old machines. Moore tells me they were taken by the consistencies in design between what has been preserved here and the tools they use now to lathe sharpen and mill their own projects at home.

"Today we have computers but not much knowledge about how things are made. What we take for granted is sitting here together in one shop. We'll be back again this year and we're bringing our friends with us."



*Visitors arrive every weekend to take a trip back in history.*

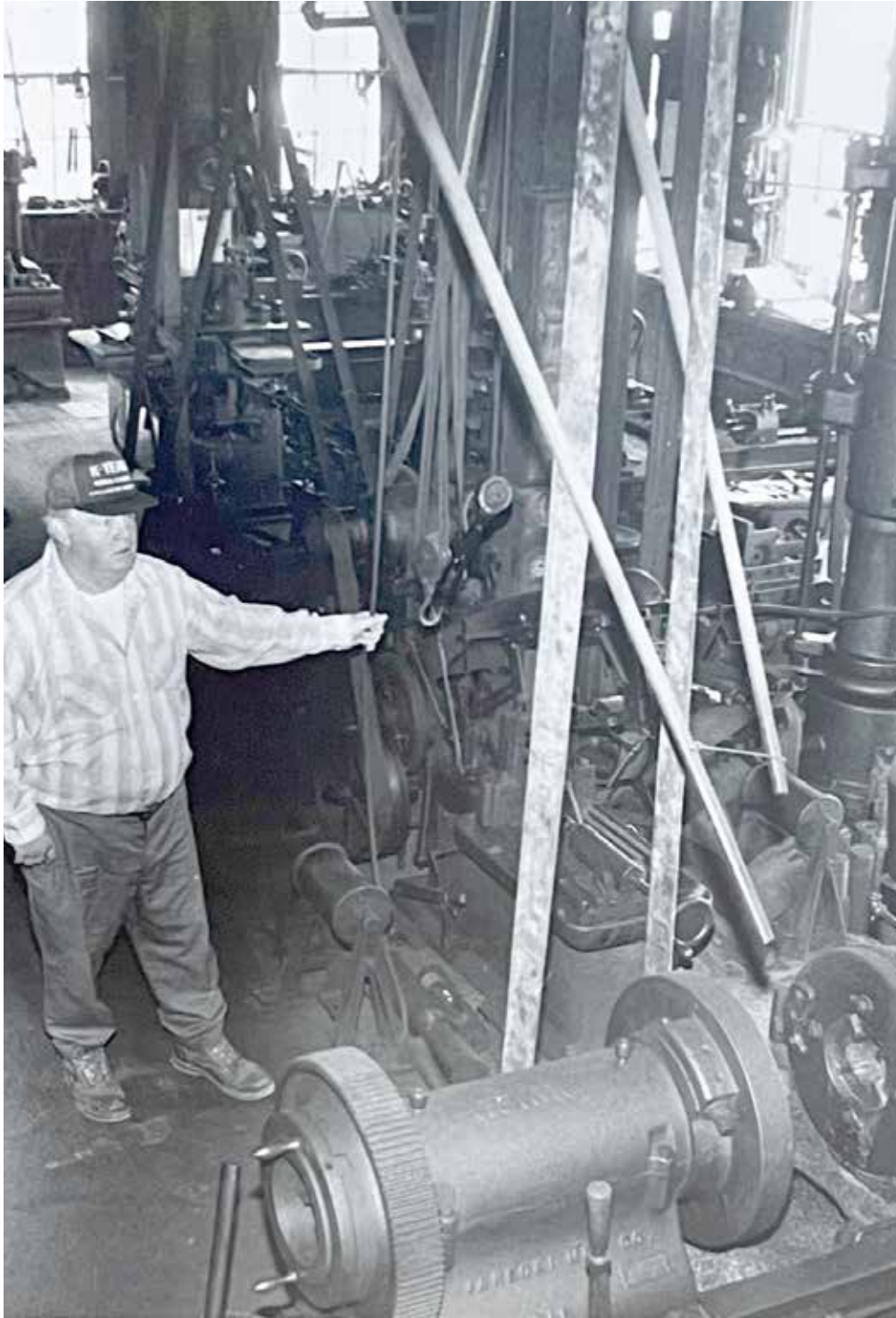


*Volunteers Gary Shriver and TJ Porfeli lead demonstrations for visitors that arrive each Sunday.*



*A sample of beginner projects created during the early stages of learning the blacksmithing craft.*

# GreeneScene of the Past By Colleen Nelson



Olan West is remembered by many as the guy who lived next door to W. A. Young & Sons Foundry & Machine Shop in Rices Landing. He was a retired coal miner who loved tinkering with old machines and he was willing to keep an eye on the shop and its historic contents, years before Greene County Historical Society mustered the funds to purchase it in 1985. Here he is in an undated photo from foundry archives, perhaps conducting an impromptu tour with whoever called him up and asked for one.

Longtime volunteer Bly Blystone remembers those early years after the museum bought the property and Olan had the key. If Olan was home, a tour would be in order. Otherwise the machine shop and foundry was closed to the public, until the yearly Hammer In every third Saturday in April. That's when a brigade of blacksmiths tramped in, fired up the forge and demonstrated to wide-eyed visitors a craft that's about as old as civilization itself.

When members of the Appalachian Blacksmith Association (ABA) discovered this shop that once made everything from brass fittings to mouse traps they fell in love. The machine shop was still intact and the forge in the foundry stood waiting to be fired up. And Olan West was the guy who opened the door with a smile.

ABA member Boyd Holtan of Core, WV heard about the foundry in the early 1980s from "someone whose wife had a gift

shop in Morgantown. We were all surprised how amazing the place was."

The woman in question was Karen Maset of Waynesburg and the man was her husband Dave, who along with the late George Kelly of Point Auto, Waynesburg and the late John Bryan of Bryans Dairy, spent years of spare time hanging out with Olan, getting those machines in working order.

"The whole shop was powered by a five phase electric motor and the electric company wouldn't put service back in so we got a gas powered aircraft towing motor from someone in Rices Landing and converted it to run everything. It's still there," Dave told me when I called. "Someone had rewired the place with modern wire and it didn't look authentic so we replaced it with original steel cable."

Everyone involved was worried about the building, from its crumbling foundation and rotting beams to the leaks in the roof. But how to draw attention to this industrial gem of the past with its beautiful view of the river and riverboats pushing barges of coal to Pittsburgh as they have since the 1800s? The Pittsburgh Area Blacksmith Association (PABA) joined forces with ABA in 1988 to help host the first annual Hammer In and the fires of enthusiasm were lit.

The public loved watching hot metal take shape and a growing number of foundry volunteers kept busy throughout the year doing what they could to shore up the building with what money was available. The Hammer In was making the outside world aware of this historic artifact. Newspaper coverage of the yearly Hammer In was consistent and those who attended become cheerleaders for the event, bringing their kids, who in time would bring kids of their own.

When Olan West died on March 15, 1996 at age 67, it was the end of an era, as volunteers scrambled to fill his shoes. The April PABA newsletter that year paid him

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“Olan always had the coffee started and was at the door as a perfect host. He gave many of us our first tour of the great machine shop along the banks of the Monongahela River. I don’t think the machine shop would have lasted in the good shape it has without Olan. He will be greatly missed.”

The newsletter also noted that without Olan as a caretaker there had been talk of canceling the upcoming Hammer In on April 23 but volunteers saved the day. George Kelly kicked off the event with a group of new recruits. PABA member Mike Lubich of Rices Landing helped out at the forge and Historic Society president David Lesako put out a plea for more volunteers and more ideas for fundraising. The Historical Society let visitors know that donations were desperately needed for repairs and restoration.

Happily that ninth annual Hammer In of 1996 also marked the year Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area was created by an act of Congress and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Rivers of Steel, a citizens group that organized in 1988 to preserve the region’s industrial river past, was the driving force behind the historic

designation that would save sites like the Boat Building in Homestead, Carrie Blast Furnaces and soon, William Young’s machine shop.

That November, *Observer-Reporter* Christine Campbell wrote “Efforts are underway to match a \$37,500 Steel Heritage grant for the W.A. Young Foundry and Machine Shop.” The Greene County Commissioners had signed a proclamation declaring the week of June 17-23 “Friends of the Foundry Week” and the public was taking note.

Campbell reported that “the foundry was been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places and that the grant “must be matched by Dec. 31, 1997.”

The next chapter was about to be written as Friends of the Foundry took the challenge and would soon welcome the support that Rivers of Steel had to offer.

The W. A. Young & Sons Foundry & Machine Shop is alive and well today thanks to countless volunteers who did their part, including Olan West, who loved to tinker with the old machines he found next door - and stayed to keep an eye on things.



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# SHINING THE LIGHT

By Colleen Nelson

Hewitt Presbyterian Church sits on the bluff above Rices Landing, where every road to that old river town drops into a rocky ravine then ducks under the abandoned railroad bed that is now Greene River Trail and then emerges where streets and buildings edge the banks of the Monongahela River.

The most obvious tie Hewitt Church has to Rices Landing is its name. According to historic author G. Wayne Smith the family name Hewitt was well established here in the economic boom times of the late 19th century. Isaac Hewitt Jr. was operating Stone Pottery Works in Rices Landing in 1870 and in 1871 Adam Hewitt donated land to the Cumberland Presbyterians to build a church of their own. Church history tells us that Presbyterianism, a direct descendent of the Church of Scotland, established itself in Philadelphia in 1703 and missionaries made their way to the Redstone Settlement - a trading outpost that would become Brownsville - and then to Greene County with the first Scots Irish frontiersmen.

After the Revolution, a religious spiritual revival began in 1799 as settlers pushed westward into Kentucky and Tennessee. This grass roots movement with its passionate months long revivals brought many new conversions but too few official church trained pastors. From these new congregations now far from the organized structure of the Presbyterian Synod in the east would come fiery preachers who returned to Greene County, held their own long revivals and established "vigorous" Cumberland Presbyterian congregations. Hewitt church records notes that by the 1840s the Cumberland Presbyterian congregation in Rices Landing was well established.

With no church of their own, parishioners attended church in Carmichaels, Jefferson and Millsboro "during the winter season, when opportunity afforded," and held services between times closer to home at Strawn's schoolhouse. There was talk of building a church but it would be twenty years before Reverend Gibson "a man dedicated to his calling took up the matter in earnest." Adam Hewitt donated a tract of land, a wooden church was built and Reverend H. J. Coulter preached the first sermon in 1871.

G. Wayne Smith tells us that in April 1905 the congregation voted to become members of the Redstone Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. New country churches were all the rage in Greene County as a new century dawned and congrega-

tions outgrew their first churches or needed to rebuild after storm damage or fire. When Hewitt Church was destroyed by fire, it was replaced in 1909 by a beautiful brick veneer building with a classic steeple and fine arched windows on another portion of Hewitt's donated land. It cost a tidy \$12,000 and could seat 400 in the chapel with room for 150 more in the Sunday School rooms upstairs. A kitchen and meeting rooms were in the basement.

When I pull into the empty space across the street from the church for a Sunday visit, longtime member Mona English tells me later on the phone that Strawn's schoolhouse once stood where I parked.

"It was still there when my husband Bob and I moved here in 1958. The Strawn family lived in it." Like many old frame buildings, it had seen its last better days and when the last family member was gone, the church bought the property and made a parking lot for parishioners.

Mona, who is choir director, and her husband Bob live nearby. She has a lifetime of stories to share about her neighbors and serving as an elder more than once in this old school country church that cares lovingly for its neighbors and does church business the democratic way that predates our nation's

democratic process of representation and the right to vote.

"Our ruling body is elders and nearly everyone here except the newer ones have served as elders - we all rule the church together."

The church gives to 10 yearly missions, Mona tells me, including Salvation Army, Restoration Power, a substance abuse outreach by Rev. Bob Hedges, City Mission in Washington and a sister church in Ethiopia.

Church attendance averages 50 but COVID-19 has some members opting to stay home to be safe, Mona admits. Fundraising has been affected as well. "We had to cancel our annual spaghetti dinner but we're thinking about doing take out. Hardest to give up is selling homemade chocolate pecan turtles that always sell by the countless dozens: "We can't get together to make them."

Mona's comment on fundraisers makes me remember that G. Wayne Smith found a wonderful story about Hewitt Church in his newspaper sleuthing that I ran across while researching this story. Hewitt Sunday School wasn't listed in the index but I found it tucked away on page 195 under Vacation Trips And Excursions. A "very successful recreational enterprise" by the Hewitt Cumberland Pres-

byterian Sunday School happened in August 1890. The "grand excursion boat" City of Pittsburgh, towed by the tugboat Blackmore, was rented for a round trip from Fredericktown to Morgantown and 900 people up and down the river bought tickets - from one dollar for men to a quarter for kids. The Jefferson Brass Band played for the 35 minutes it took to get through the lock in Rices Landing. Then it was on to Greensboro and the "interesting little college town" of Morgantown. The return journey made it to Rices Landing by midnight, with one participant reporting that because of church sponsorship "Hoe Down was forbidden" but in the moonlight on the way home some "tripping of the light fantastic was engaged in by a set of youths who lacked none of the grace of those who lead the chorus for the Naiads of old."

Naiads aside and after paying expenses the Sunday school made "about 200 dollars on the venture."

I tell this story to Mona and we laugh. What would 200 dollars be in today's money? We laugh again and joke about social distancing but the thought remains. Wouldn't that be a great fundraiser? Hold that thought!



Members of the Hewitt Presbyterian Church. Retired Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson filling in for Rev. Dr. William Parker.



Quilt made in the 1990s by church members. Pictured are Diana Jeffries and Mona English.



# County Conversations

## GREENE COUNTY TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY

Did you know that Greene County has a thriving tourism industry? Right now, you might be thinking to yourself, “What are you talking about? What tourism? Greene County doesn’t have tourism!” But it does – and tourism has been a significant financial source for Greene County organizations, events, and businesses. In 2019, it helped create 509 jobs with visitors spending \$78.7 million in our county. Visitors to Greene come from all over the globe; in 2019, over 9,500 visitors were identified representing 46 states and 14 countries.

Our rural environment is a breath of fresh air to those traveling from elsewhere. In Greene County, you’ll find a unique mix of events and attractions from general stores, covered bridges and Mail Pouch barns to the high-intensity, action-packed sport of motocross at one of the premier tracks in the nation; our county is also steeped in heritage.

Tourism everywhere saw a drastic decline in 2020 due to the pandemic, and Greene County was no different. Now as travel is returning, Greene County offers the perfect place to visit. Thanks to our open spaces and wooden areas, travelers can enjoy a vacation, take in agritourism, and ex-

plore our history while being distanced from crowds.

A recent RV travel blogger traveling on I-79 decided to take a detour through Greene County after exploring the brochures at the Welcome Center. Sara with The Long Long Road, documented her overnight adventure through Greene County to her followers on Facebook and Instagram. Her photos of places such as Fruition Bowls & Brews and Rising Creek Bakery were a hit. Rain Day also showed up in her posts alongside the Scott Covered Bridge. She hopes to return in the future to spend more time exploring our county.

“It is so easy to forget how beautiful our home in Greene County,” says JoAnne Marshall, Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency director. “Through tourism, we have the opportunity to see Greene County through new eyes every day and share that experience to entice prospective visitors to enjoy the natural beauty, recreation and history opportunities.”

The tourism promotion agency consists of over 100 partners that work throughout the year to make Greene County attractive to day trippers and multi-day visitors through promotion and advertising. Their multifaceted campaigns are geared specifically to audiences outside of Greene County, to reach those that would be interested in traveling to Greene County for the recreation, history and traditions that we can offer in a rural and scenic area of Pennsylvania.

FMI on the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency, visit [www.visit-greene.org](http://www.visit-greene.org).

See more about Tourism’s recent promotion on our back page!



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# Public Service Profile

By Danielle Nyland

## TWO LADIES FOUR PAWS

**A**lmost in the middle of nowhere, up a side road just off Holbert Stretch in Dilliner and nestled in a clearing surrounded by wooded hills sits the Two Ladies Four Paws rescue.

The rescue was started six years ago by April Johnson and her daughter Sarah. April had spent time volunteering at other shelters and was passionate about the work she and others were doing. In 2015, she took the leap and decided to open on her own rescue. She started small, with local animals from Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania needing rescue, and then branched south and west, rescuing animals as far west as California. Volunteers with the organization would travel to bring these animals to a safe home.

About three years ago, April connected with international rescue networks, and she began offering shelter to animals from across the world. The shelter began helping dogs from Kuwait, India, China, Egypt, Mexico, and other places. The dogs from overseas are found by rescue workers in their home country and are cared for until they are healthy again. Once healthy, funds are raised and the animals are flown to the US to be taken into the rescue. "It costs about five to seven thousand dollars for one dog to arrive. They fly over either by cargo or with a flight parent, with all their paperwork. We usually get more than one at a time. It's a massive event," rescue worker Kate Sears says.

Kate is an integral part of the rescue. She began volunteering last year during the pandemic, and after graduating college in May, came to work at the shelter full-time. Other than some volunteers for events, fostering, and traveling, Kate and April operate the facilities alone. Kate arrives daily for about three hours each morning to feed and care for the dogs, takes a small break in the afternoon to handle the website, social media, and adoption applications, and then returns for three additional hours each evening.

Many of the animals that Two Ladies Four Paws rescues have special needs. Some have physical disabilities caused by accidents or abuse,

others were born that way. "Most of the other rescues don't want these animals because they are hard to care for and adopt," Kate says. "We try to find them the right home, and if no one adopts them, we keep them."

The current location for the rescue used to be a horse farm. With five stables and a barn on seven acres, it offers a place for the animals to run and exercise, while providing seclusion. The facility is home to dogs, cats, and one pig. The rescue hopes to open an additional storefront that would house the cats up for adoption.

To be able to afford this new venture, the rescue needs funding. Donations, grants, personal investments, and money raised through fundraising events, such as merchandise sales and cleaning services offered through their website, fund the rescue. In addition to that, the rescue sometimes teams up with other groups for fundraising and is currently working with Teddy Bear Care on a cash bash held September 11. "We really need help with fundraising, and volunteers to help with the storefront."

If you'd like to volunteer or help Two Ladies Four Paws with fundraising, reach out to them at [twoladiesfourpaws@gmail.com](mailto:twoladiesfourpaws@gmail.com) or visit their website at [twoladiesfourpawsrescue.com](http://twoladiesfourpawsrescue.com). You can also find them on Facebook @[twoladiesfourpawsrescue](https://www.facebook.com/twoladiesfourpawsrescue).



*Two Ladies Four Paws shelter for animals offer lots of love and room to play.*

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## STUFF THE BUS 2021

For the past 19 years, children and families have crowded into the Lions Club Park in Waynesburg, eager to grab new school supplies from the loaded bus parked nearby. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade jump on the bus and pick out a new backpack, loaded with new school supplies for the upcoming school year.

The 19th annual Stuff the Bus event was held at the JC Pavilion in the Lions Club Park this year on Wednesday, August 11 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Several different agencies attended to provide information about local programs, including applications for the Free



Children at the event received a free lunch and ice cream, in addition to their free school supplies, hair cuts, and dental screenings.

or Reduced School Lunch Program. There were also activities and more fun things to do.

"I'm excited to announce GCUW's 19th Annual Stuff the Bus was bigger than ever before," says MaChal Forbes, Greene County United Way's executive director. "This year, through the generosity of our amazing community, we were able to give each child a backpack filled with school supplies, a new pair of athletic shoes, a lunch bag and water bottle as well as offer free hair cuts, dental exams, and kid's activities. We were also able to provide families access to financial goal setting, lunch, and ice cream. We are so grateful for the support from our sponsors, donors, and volunteers whose involvement made this year a success!"

Donations to the program were made by contributors dropping off school supplies at the drop-off sites around the county. The supplies were picked up from the donation locations and were brought to

the United Way's office. Assembly lines loaded with volunteers, consisting of students, board members, and others, were began stuffing the backpacks by age group. Once the backpacks were full, they were loaded onto the bus and off to the event.

Afterwards, backpacks of supplies were also delivered to the area headstart programs. First Federal Savings and Loan of Greene County, a yearly sponsor, also helps deliver the backpacks.

Other sponsors this year included EQT & Operation Warm, the Heart 'n Sole Program, Community Foundation of Greene County, Women of Southwestern PA, Inc., Lola Energy, Fox Buses, Greene County CASA, Cornerstone Care, Milinovich & Co., Blueprints, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Carmichaels Senior Center, Flenniken Library, Dawn Mankey, Josh Coss, Jada Barcheisi, Cindy Wilson, and PA211SW; many others donated supplies.

FMI, contact Greene County United Way at 724-852-1009.

# Cool at School

By Danielle Nyland

## STUFF THE BUS / HARRY POTTER PARTY

### FLENNIKEN LIBRARY CELEBRATES HARRY POTTER'S BIRTHDAY!

Flenniken Library held a celebration of Harry Potter's birthday on Friday, July 30. Children of all ages came to enjoy an afternoon of activities, games, snacks, and contests, including a scavenger hunt and a game of quidditch. After the activities, birthday cake and butter beer were enjoyed by all!



## MOUNDS IN GREENE COUNTY

**A**ncient civilizations can be found all over the old world. The ancient Egyptians are known for their pyramids and beautifully crafted gold artifacts, and the Aztecs in Mexico are known for their pyramids, gold, and human sacrifice. Northern Europe boasts places like Stonehenge and Newgrange, but what about North America? North America was home to many ancient civilizations, although they are less known, perhaps because the building materials most readily available to them, wood and earth, are not as well preserved.

Over two thousand years ago, a culture emerged that laid the foundations for the Ohio Valley's first ancient civilization. When Europeans first started exploring the North American continent in the 16th and 17th centuries, they noticed the large earthen mounds and earthworks that dotted what eventually became the eastern United States, particularly in the Ohio and Mississippi River Valleys. Large mound sites such as Cahokia in Illinois, the Grave Creek Mound in Moundsville WV, and practically the entire landscape around Chillicothe, Ohio as well as the monumentally large Earthworks Complex in Newark, Ohio provided evidence that there was once an ancient civilization in North America, long forgotten and unknown that had created these large earthen works. Throughout most of our history it was thought impossible that the ancestors of the then-present Native Americans could have been responsible for such feats of architecture that displayed a high degree of planning and design.

Throughout the late 1830s and 1840s, Edwin Davis and Ephraim Squire, both of Chillicothe, began traveling the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys, studying and recording the various mound sites dotting the landscape. Even then, many mounds and earthworks had been destroyed or reduced to nothing more than lumps and bumps in fields by decades of agricultural practices. Their work would prove to be significant and, in many cases, the only record of some sites still available. The Smithsonian published their body of work titled "Ancient Monuments of the Mississippi Valley" in their first edition of "The Smithsonian Contributions of Knowledge" in 1848.

The work conducted by Squire and Davis opened the door for further research. Scientists began to realize that the mound builder cultures were the ancestors of present Native American tribes. Cyrus Thomas would further this idea with

research into mounds and mound building cultures published in the 12th Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology in 1891. When he began his research, he was operating under the common belief that the mound building cultures were a people different than the present Native Americans. But his studies showed that many of the tribes that were currently living shared common themes and beliefs with these ancient peoples.

Over the next several decades, science advanced and more archaeological work was completed, and the wild theories associated with the mound building cultures would be completely discredited. Later in the 20th century, DNA evidence would confirm that the present Native Americans were descendants of the ancient mound building cultures.

Throughout the early 20th century, archaeologists learned enough from various sites to classify specific mounds and artifacts related to them into specific groups. In the Upper Ohio Valley, throughout most of southern Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania the Adena Culture was the earliest group of mound builders to live in the region, first appearing around 2,500 years ago.

Adena, however, was not a name this group of people would have called themselves or would have known at all in fact. We know nothing about the language the Adena people would have spoken, as it appears that they did not have any sort of writing system – at least not one that has survived in the archaeological record. The name Adena comes from the name of Thomas Worthington's estate near Chillicothe that contained a large Adena mound explored in the early 20th century. It became the "Type Site" that gave its name to the culture. Some argue that the Grave Creek Mound in Moundsville, West Virginia was the "Capitol" of the Adena Culture but that remains unproven.

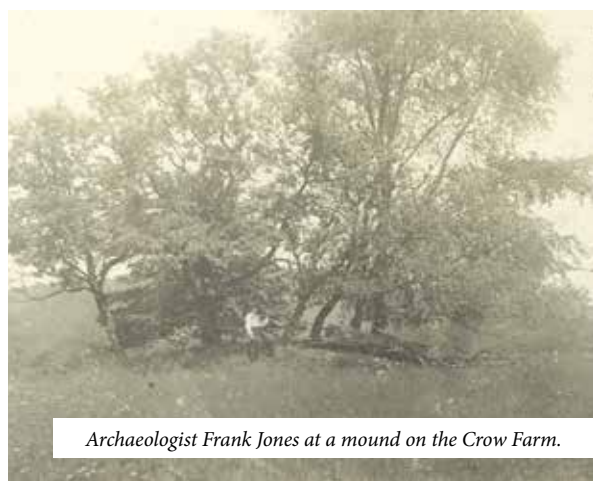
Greene County is on the western fringe of the Adena Culture, and many Adena mounds and sites are known. Projectile points, or arrowheads typical of the Adena People can be found all over the area. No Adena earthworks survive other than mounds. In Andrew Waychoff's "Local History of Greene County Pennsylvania" first published in 1925, he lists several instances of "Indian Racetracks." Waychoff describes: "The playground or race track on the Charles Keener farm in Greene Township, the ring formerly on the John Shane's

Farm at Brave, the Evidence of a ring on the John Lapping Farm in Franklin Township, and at several other places in this county, show a different mode of living than was noticed with the Later Indians."

All the sites that Waychoff describes are now gone, but based on his descriptions it seems that he was referring to small circular earthworks that were, and still are, common at Adena sites throughout the Upper Ohio Valley. Studies have shown that these circular rings were formed by a bank and a ditch and most likely used to study the phases of the moon, and the rising of specific stars in the same fashion that Stonehenge would have been used by the prehistoric peoples of the British Isles. These circular earthworks often included timber circles and marker poles, and this would have been how the Adena people kept track of their calendar. Being one of the earliest groups in North America to start planting crops, it would have been critical to know when to plant and when to harvest. It is also likely that these circular sites also had a ritual component.

Though the circular earthworks are now gone, many small mounds survive, perhaps most notably the two small Adena Mounds on the former Crow Farm in Richhill Township. Both of these mounds were explored multiple times between the 1920s and 1960s and were shown to be typical small Adena burial mounds. Other mounds survive near Garrards Fort and New Freeport. It is impossible to say how many mounds once stood throughout Greene County and how many still do, lost in the rolling hills of our scenic wooded landscape.

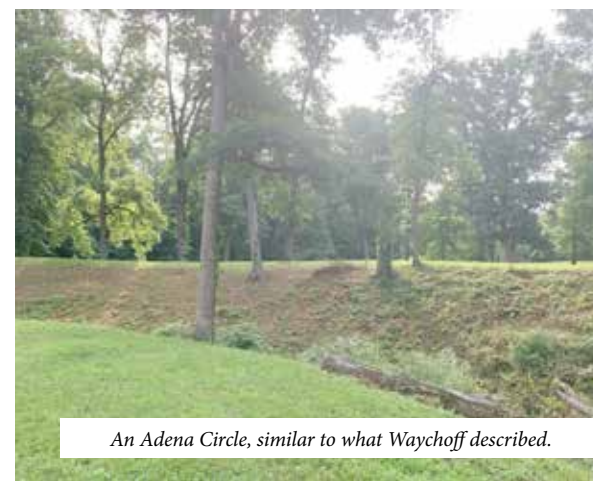
The land we live on is not new, nor were we the first people to inhabit it. For thousands of years different peoples have called this region home. Many traces of these earlier civilizations still survive, in the mounds they left behind, in a few scattered stone artifacts found in creek beds and plowed fields and in museums throughout the area. The Adena Culture laid the groundwork for the larger and more advanced Hopewell Culture, and later the Mississippian Culture that would be responsible for the large, complex earthen pyramid at Cahokia, Illinois and other sites throughout the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys.



Archaeologist Frank Jones at a mound on the Crow Farm.



A scattering of Adena artifacts discovered in western Greene County.



An Adena Circle, similar to what Waychoff described.



# First Federal of Greene County proudly announces its 2021 scholarship winners

Eight area students were recently selected by First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County to receive four-year college scholarships. Each winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship renewable for a maximum of four years, or \$4,000 total. Funding is made possible through the First Federal Scholarship Fund, which awards up to eight randomly selected eligible students each year. Eligible students must reside in Greene, Fayette, Washington or Monongalia counties; have been accepted full-time to an accredited educational facility; and maintain an Education Club savings account with minimum regular deposits. The Waynesburg and Uniontown offices each randomly draws up to four students every year.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of this year's winners!

## Waynesburg

## Uniontown



Pictured, from l. to r., are Charles W. Trump, Jr., First Federal of Greene County President/CEO; scholarship recipient Jason McAfee (Carmichaels Area High School); Kim Lawless, First Federal of Greene County Education Club Coordinator, Waynesburg; scholarship recipients Zachary Wilson (Waynesburg Central High School) and Brayden Mooney (West Greene High School); and Terry L. Clutter, First Federal of Greene County Vice President/Treasurer.



Pictured with Terry Clutter is scholarship recipient Tyler Switalski (Waynesburg Central High School).

Pictured, from l. to r., are Danielle Tobusto, First Federal of Greene County Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer; Corinna Ream, First Federal of Greene County Education Club Coordinator, Uniontown; scholarship recipient Alexander Pecske (Uniontown Area High School); and Barb Galica, First Federal of Greene County Vice President. Not pictured are scholarship recipients Blaze Allen (Avella High School) and Courtney Dahlquist and Luke Phillis (Trinity High School).



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**Luke Phillis**  
Saint Vincent College



**Tyler Switalski**  
Gardner-Webb University



**Zachary Wilson**  
Waynesburg University

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**[www.firstfederalofgreene.com](http://www.firstfederalofgreene.com)**

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# Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS Executive Director

## ADENA SPEAR POINT

The Adena Culture was a prehistoric North American culture that existed circa 500 BC – 100 AD, primarily in the Ohio River Valley. This group of prehistoric people spread from Indiana through Ohio and into West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, with the easternmost evidence shown in southern New York.

Known primarily as a mound building culture, the Adena People were the first true agriculturalists in this region. They were the first to produce pottery, and though they lived a largely nomadic lifestyle, they did settle seasonally in specific places, especially around their mound centers.

The Adena Culture can be identified not only by their mounds, but also by their tools, stone artifacts, and decorative objects. Specifically, projectile points, as shown in the photo, are typical of the Adena Culture. Most Adena points range in size from small to large (approximately 1.5 inches to 4 inches in length) with a square stem, and occasionally a stem with a rounded bottom. The Adena existed prior to the use of the bow and arrow in this region, thus Adena projectile points were used on spears or with an atlatl dart. An atlatl is a hooked wooden tool used to provide extra leverage when throwing long darts with a flint point at the end.

Greene County, more specifically western Greene County, has an abundance of Adena sites. The Adena point shown in the photo was collected by Andrew Waychoff in western Greene County during the first quarter of the 20th century. It is made of flint ridge chert, a stone quarried in western Ohio that is commonly found throughout Greene County and was likely used as the point of a large spear.

The Adena Culture began a large trade network that would evolve during the Hopewell Time period that immediately followed

the Adena Period. The Later Hopewell Interaction Sphere would make contact with points from the Rocky Mountains East, and from the Great Lakes to Florida. Many now believe the Hopewell Culture is the final “expression” of the Adena Culture. Adena artifacts tend to be more simplistic and utilitarian in design. Later Hopewell artifacts, though showing the same artistic style, are often more elaborate and, for the first instance in the region, objects purely for the purpose of decoration can be found in the archaeological record. The Hopewell Culture collapsed around 500 AD for unknown reasons.

Please visit the Greene County Historical Society Museum to see our large display of Native American items that range from Paleoindian Times, approximately 13,000 years ago, through the late Monongahela Culture that disappeared around 1635. Of this collection, many Adena artifacts can be found.

Please keep an eye out on our Facebook Page and Website for information on Events, up coming lectures, and other info!



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Greene County Museum

# RAIN DAY RESULTS

2021 Rain Watchers: Waynesburg Troop Greene 1280 & 9280 (Official Rain Time: 12:09PM)

## UMBRELLA CONTEST:

1st place winner receives \$100 prize, 2nd place prize is \$50 & 3rd Place prize is \$25.

**1ST PLACE:** Julianna Kirsch "Unicorn Rainbow" (left)  
**2ND PLACE:** London Harris "Purple Rain" (right)  
**3RD PLACE:** Liam Rose, Coleman, Kincer, Colton Rouse "It's my Birthday, Not Mine, Mine Neither" (center)



## RAIN DAY WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS:

1st place is \$100 plus ownership for one year of the coveted Golden Watering Can, 2nd place is \$50 & 3rd place is \$25. Each receives a Rain Day Ribbon.

**1ST PLACE:** Jefferson Florist  
**2ND PLACE:** Kalsey Insurance  
**3RD PLACE:** First Federal S&L of Greene County

## Diaper Derby Contest:

**1ST PLACE:** Levi Warner, age 10 months, mother is Taylor Varner of Brave  
**2ND PLACE:** Dahlia Coneybeer, age 9.5 months, parents are Angelica & Daniel Coneybeer of Waynesburg

## Coloring Contest:

**AGE 6:** London Harris of Waynesburg  
**AGE 7:** Tommy Orndoff of Waynesburg  
**AGE 9:** Charley Orndoff of Waynesburg  
**OVERALL:** Lilly Giles of Carmichaels

## Jack McCracken Award: CONNIE HART

## Lawn Decorating Contest:

**1ST PLACE:** Vanessa Buchtan of Carmichaels  
**2ND PLACE:** Ronald & Synthia Montgomery of Waynesburg

## MINI/LITTLE/JR MISS RAIN DROP WINNERS

Winners receive a \$100, sash, and tiara, and represent Rain Day throughout the coming year.



**MINI MISS:** Payton Duncan  
Parents are Lainey & Travis Duncan of Clarksville

**MINI MISS PHOTOGENIC & MINI MISS PERSONALITY:** London Harris



**LITTLE MISS: TATUM MOORE**  
Parents are Alicia & Greg Moore of Waynesburg

**LITTLE MISS PHOTOGENIC:** Madiynn Price  
**LITTLE MISS PERSONALITY:** Ella Kincer



**JR MISS:** Kendra Tharp  
Parents are Natasha & Cory Tharp of Wind Ridge

**JR MISS PHOTOGENIC & JR MISS PERSONALITY:** Brooklyn Burns

## BABY RAIN DAY WINNERS

Winners receive a \$100, crown or tiara, title banner, and special gifts and represent Rain Day throughout the coming year.

**BEST DECORATED BABY RAIN DAY CAN:**  
Raelynn Pearl Thistlethwaite.  
Parents are Kathryn Anne Smith and James Leon Roach of Waynesburg, PA



**PRINCE:** Lane Cargill  
Parents are Taylor & Brian Cargill of Holbrook



**PRINCESS:** Iris Vliet  
Parents are Alesha Brown & Shane Vliet of Crucible



**KING:** Cale Hugo  
Parents are Shayna Hugo & John Seamon of Waynesburg



**QUEEN:** Addison Orndoff  
Parents are Megan Orndoff & Damien Miller of Waynesburg

## Balloon Glow Event Coming to Greene County

The Greene County Commissioners are excited to announce a new, one-of-a-kind event in Greene County this October as the Balloon Glow Tour stops at the Greene County Airport in Waynesburg.

The West Pennsylvania Balloon Festival will take place October 1st - 3rd, 2021 and will feature a nightly mass inflation, tethered balloon rides, food vendors, retail vendors and activities for the whole family. As a first-year event, organizers will limit the number of tickets each day but hope to grow the event over the coming years to be one of the signature events here in Pennsylvania.

Balloon Glow Tour Director Richard Garvie says he is delighted to add an event in Pennsylvania, and is particularly excited about the prospect of working at the Greene County Airport. "The Greene County Airport is actually set up really nicely for this type of event. We look to have a nice, wide open grassy area for the balloons and ample parking for guests. The site also has a great access point at one end of the airport, so for us it is pretty perfect."

Balloon Glow Tour Balloon Director Patrick Fogue says the event is unique in that it inspires everyone who attends. "This kind of event is really different in that we keep the balloons on property and guests can walk around and among the balloons, talk to pilots and even take a short-tethered ride. It doesn't really matter if you are young or old, male or female; when you get up close to these aircraft, they just have the 'WOW'

factor".

For Greene County, an event like this can bring thousands of people into the local area each day, generating much needed economic benefits. County Commissioner Mike Belding says that welcoming new visitors to the area and providing new events for the local community is important.

"We are extremely pleased to bring this unique, family friendly event to Greene County. We are always looking for new opportunities for Greene County and we're so glad to have found a partner in this Balloon Glow event. Increasing opportunities to entice visitors as well as residents to new events is one area, we have focused on to diversify our economic drivers. Local food and retail vendors will also be able to participate in this event."

Tickets for this event are available from the Balloon Glow Tour website. Admission is charged \$20 per vehicle which covers parking and entry to the event for everyone in the vehicle. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the gate. Tethered balloon rides will be available weather permitting and are charged \$25 per person. Anyone participating in the tethered balloon rides must have a ticket and sign a waiver before riding. FMI, visit [www.theballoonglowtour.com](http://www.theballoonglowtour.com).

To participate in this event, local food, wine and craft vendors, may call the Greene County Parks and Recreation Office at 724-852-5323.



# THANK YOU!!!

The Waynesburg Lions Club wishes to thank the following for their help and support in making the 2021 July 4th Celebration a success.

Fox Ford, Waynesburg Wal-Mart, Greene County Commissioners, Washington Health System-Greene, Waynesburg University, Aladdin Food Service, Burger King, Subway, The Ron Retzer Trio, and Keystone Fireworks Co.

Thanks to the Community for their continued support.



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## CFGC Awards Grants to Local Organizations

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC) recently announced a distribution of grants totaling nearly \$90,000 as a part of CFGC's Summer Community Grants along with several grants from donor advised funds.

Fourteen grants totaling \$21,570 were awarded through the Foundation's Summer Community Grant application process. An additional \$67,860 was approved through donor advised funds.

"We are honored to partner with businesses and members of the community to help our nonprofits address the needs of our children, adults and families," said Beth Hellem, chairwoman of the Foundation. "These grants are made possible through the generosity of local residents and businesses who established funds at CFGC to support local programs."

Ten grants were awarded through the CFGC Summer Community Grants.

- \$500 for the Ruling Our experience (ROX) Girls group project at Jefferson-Morgan Jr./Sr. High School from the Cindy's Wind Fund for Women and Girls.
- \$2,000 for the Greene County Mobile Suiting Services by Dress for Success from the Kathleen Hamilton Davis and William R. Davis Memorial Fund.
- \$2,000 for the Greene County United Way Stuff the Bus - Shoes Project from the Kathleen Hamilton Davis and William R. Davis Memorial Fund.
- \$2,000 for the West Greene School District Life Skills PAES Program for 21st Century Transitional Job Skills project from the Daniel and Lizzie Tharp Fund.
- \$2,000 for the Supporting Persons with Disabilities in Greene County project - Pennsylvania Elks Major Projects from the Good For Greene Fund.
- \$2,000 for the S.O.A.R. Aviation Days project from the Nancy I. Davis Forever Greene Fund and the Fund for Community & Economic Development.
- \$2,000 for the Greene ARC, Inc. New Mental Health Recovery Materials from the Good For Greene Fund and the Fund for Health & Human Services.
- \$2,000 for the TRPIL Nursing Home Transition for Individuals project from the Good For Greene Fund and the Nancy I. Davis Forever Greene Fund.

- \$2,000 for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh's Greene County Mentoring and STEM Career Exploration project at Carmichaels Area School District and Jefferson-Morgan School District from the Kathleen Hamilton Davis and William R. Davis Memorial Fund, The Children, Youth and Family Fund and the Nancy I. Davis Forever Greene Fund.

- \$2,000 for Waynesburg Central Elementary School's Bonding, Building and Board Games back to school project from the Nancy I. Davis Forever Greene Fund.

Three grants were awarded from the Consol Energy Excellence in Education Fund to teachers at Central Greene School District:

- \$500 to Keri Clutter for the Osmo Technology Project.
- \$500 to Rachael Corfont for the Kindergarten Heidi Songs project.
- \$495 to Rachael Corfont for the Kindergarten Fluency and Fitness project.

One grant was awarded from the EITC Innovative Education Fund to West Greene School District:

- \$1,575 for the Get A Clue: Enhancing the Science Curriculum through Forensics Course project.

Additionally, \$67,860 was awarded from three donor advised funds:

- From the Harper Fund - \$6,566 to Open Door Christian School
- From the Forget-Me-Not Fund - \$9,293 to Open Door Christian School
- From the James and Jackie Campbell Fund - \$10,000 to Blueprints for the Home Delivered Meals program, \$20,000 to Corner Cupboard Food Bank to help purchase a forklift and \$22,000 to the Greene County Weekend Food Program.

Since 2001, CFGC has been able to award more than \$3 million in grants and scholarships that have helped meet the needs and improve lives of Greene County residents.

The Fall Community Grants round is accepting new applications which are due by October 1st, including the L&M Medical Needs Fund.

FMI about CFGC and our grants, visit [www.cfgcpa.org](http://www.cfgcpa.org), or email [cfgcpa@gmail.com](mailto:cfgcpa@gmail.com).

## Scholarships Awarded by Waynesburg SSL

Waynesburg Central seniors Paige Hellem and Meghan Braun were recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Social Service League of Waynesburg. The League has been benefitting the students of Waynesburg since 1921.



## Local 4-H Compete at State Competition



Members of the Greene County 4-H junior livestock judging team participated in the PA State 4-H livestock judging competition on July 9 at Penn State University. They placed third in the junior division. Members of the team include Garret Barnes, Allison Pecjak, Josiah Earnest and coach Kim Barnes. This was their first time ever competing in a livestock judging competition.

## TRPIL Receives \$25K Grant

TRPIL is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$25,000 as part of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation National Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) 2021 1st Cycle Direct Effect Quality of Life grants. Sixty-seven grants totaling \$1,305,579 were awarded. The Quality of Life Grants Program supports nonprofit organizations that empower individuals living with paralysis. Since the Quality of Life Grants Program's inception, more than 3,400 grants totaling over \$34 million have been awarded. Funding for this program was made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL grant #90PRRC0002-03-00).

The Reeve Foundation National Paralysis Resource Center has several grants under the Quality of Life program awarding grants in different category areas, varying in different amounts.

The Direct Effect Quality of Life grants program funds organizations up to \$25,000 to support a wide range of projects and activities that will impact individuals living with paralysis and their families.

"The Reeve Foundation is humbled and proud to be able to support important organizations by offering life-changing projects and programs through this grant cycle," said Mark Bogosian, Director, Quality of Life Grants Program, Reeve Foundation. "Funding projects that prevent harassment and displacement of low-income tenants, offering Paralympians an abuse prevention curriculum and other community-based activities like adaptive sports and gardening to end food insecurity is an example of how we're aiding people living with paralysis to regain their independence and back into their local community."

TRPIL will use the grant for individuals with disabilities to get out of nursing home situations and live on their own with assistance in the community they choose.

"TRPIL is extremely grateful for the support we have received from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation," stated Shona Eakin, its CEO. "We are honored that we are one organization from 67 that were chosen to receive funding."

## Wisecarver Recreation Area Groundbreaking



In July, a ground breaking ceremony was held at Wisecarver Reservoir, the future site of the Wisecarver Recreation Area. The first phase of construction has begun. Plans for improvements include ball fields, boat launches, trails, restrooms, outdoor activities, and more. Pictured L-R: Blair Zimmerman, Pam Snyder, Camera Bartolotta, Betsy McClure, Mike Belding, and Bret Moore.



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## WINNERS

**COUNTRY FEST TIX** - The answer to the question was on the platform of the train station at the Millsboro RR museum. Winners are Gwen McCulloch, Jay Eisel, Tina Atchley, Barry Elliott, Janet Koast, Shannon Corbett, Bryce Anderson, Pat Moser, Chuck Ulrich, Alma Litton

**TOUCH-A-TRUCK** - Renee Howard, Easton Tomasek, Karter Shroder

**CHARTER FISHING TRIP** - Buck Mock

*Congratulations!*



Inside this issue, you'll find stories and pictures highlighting history, growth and simply the unique brand of personal service we enjoy as consumers and residents of this community. Learn about our local businesses, how it all started & what it took to get where they are today. And don't forget, there's a little added value in every word, if you accept our challenge to try for the tickets to the Greene County Historical Society Museum's Escape Room in our Business Spotlight Trivia Contest.

## Business Spotlight Trivia



1. What company can you call for electrostatic spraying?
2. Who is on a mission to revolutionize healthcare?
3. Where can you visit to take a step back into the Victorian era?
4. Where would you go to visit "The House"?
5. What upcoming event will feature Civil War re-enactors?
6. What business did the Mooney family purchase in 2018?
7. What business recently worked with a Carmichaels teacher to create a splint?
8. Two days of music will happen at what location in September?
9. Leaving a mark for his daughter makes what business important to Jeremy Martin?
10. What business offers tours at the historic W.A. Young & Sons Foundry and Machine Shop?

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Winner must respond within 24 hours of notification to receive prize.

Congratulations to Josh Bair of Jefferson! Josh was the winner of First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County's Rain Day Raindrop Contest, guessing 12:15 p.m. as the time of the first raindrop on Rain Day. Josh came closest to the official rain time of 12:09 p.m. Josh won \$500 and a First Federal of Greene County umbrella.

Pictured with Josh is Terry L. Clutter, First Federal of Greene County Vice President/Treasurer.



## Carmichaels & Mon View Pools to Close for Season

The Greene County Commissioners announce the closure of the Mon View and Carmichaels swimming pool due to lack of staff. Like so many other businesses, locally and regionally, Greene County Parks and Recreation has had its struggles with staffing. They have tried to move staff from Waynesburg as much as possible, but most of the lifeguards did not have a driver's license or transportation.

In addition to staffing issues, Mon View pool has not had enough customers to justify keeping it open. The pool was open for 56 days this summer. With the exception of day campers, 34 of those 56 days have seen 10 or fewer swimmers and for 20

of those days nobody came to swim at all. There are no scheduled pool parties at Mon View for the rest of the summer.

"As a county, we intend to provide every practical amenity and opportunity we can to our residents and visitors, but those activities have to be feasible at a reasonable cost. We obviously cannot keep pools open without lifeguards and it is not reasonable to keep them open without customers," stated Mike Belding, County Commissioner.

Previously purchased passes will be honored at the Waynesburg Water Park. For more information, please call the Recreation Office at 724-852-5323.

## Domiciliary Care Providers Needed

Do you want to work from home? Are you a responsible individual age 21 years or older who likes to care for others? If so, the Southwestern Area Agency on Aging is looking for you. We need individuals or families in your area to open up their homes to our consumers who are unable to live independently. Our consumers need care due to physical, intellectual, or age related impairments. The Area Agency on Aging is looking for Domiciliary Care providers in the counties of Fayette, Greene, and Washington.

As a Domiciliary Care provider, you will received \$1014.20 a month for each

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If you are interested in becoming a certified Domiciliary Care provider or want to refer a consumer to our program contact: Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging Domiciliary Care Program at 1-800-411-5655 or 724-489-8083.

## One Big Watermelon!



Kari Golden and her husband Willie are local growers in the Lippencott Area. Last year was her husband's first year growing watermelons and cantaloupe and many other things. Again this year he grew his watermelons and cantaloupe and here is the first watermelon picked this year - weighing 50 pounds!

Carson Vanata of Greensboro caught this shark while pier fishing in Myrtle Beach this summer with his Grandpap Vanata. Great job, Carson!



## DVSSP Hosts PeaceFromDV Walk

Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA (DVSSP) will host the 6th Annual PeaceFromDV Walk on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Church of the Covenant in Washington. The event begins at 11am and the walk will begin at noon. The goal is to raise critical funds to help survivors and their children and prevent violence in our communities.

"We are so glad to bring this event back after we had to cancel it last year due to the pandemic," said Lisa G. Hannum, DVSSP CEO. "We invite everyone join us and your neighbors, friends, and family members as we walk together to raise awareness of do-

mestic violence and kick-off Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

Registration for the walk is \$25; all participants will receive a t-shirt and goody bag. Participants will also have a chance to win gift baskets and prizes donated by local businesses. The event will also feature a children's area with games and activities.

Fundraising pages for the event are live, and participants can start or join a walk team and ask their friends and family members to donate. Corporate sponsorships are also available. FMI, visit [peacefromdv.org/peacefromdvwalk](http://peacefromdv.org/peacefromdvwalk).

## Donations Requested

The St. Ann Preschool is updating their playground equipment and items for their classrooms. Their current playground equipment is broken, faded and cracked. Plans are underway to have the yard leveled, bushes removed, a playground "base" constructed to sit the equipment on. The

project is not only for the St. Ann Preschool, but also the children of St. Matthias parish. They recently updated their signs with new ones from Direct Results. FMI, information, please reach out to [saintannchurch@comcast.net](mailto:saintannchurch@comcast.net).

## Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Amazing Grace!



Grace P. Patterson of Waynesburg, PA celebrated her 99th birthday with a party at her home with family and friends. Grace was born on July 19, 1922. She truly is amazing Grace!

## Congratulations Miss Rain Day!

Congratulations to the 2021 Miss Rain Day, Emily Bennett. Emily is the 17-year old daughter of Katie and Tim Bennett of Mt. Morris. This fall she will be a senior at Waynesburg Central High School.



## This Message Board Is For You!

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

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## Salute to Veterans

The November issue of the *GreeneScene Community Magazine* will pay tribute to all area veterans.

*GreeneScene Magazine* readers are encouraged to send the name, address & phone of a vet you know - family, friend or neighbor - it doesn't matter as long as they're veterans. All names will be included in our honor roll. If you have previously submitted a name, you don't have to resubmit it - those names are automatically included each year.

We'll also feature select pictures & stories about some area veterans. So, if you have an interesting story or picture of a local vet you know, send it before Oct. 4, 2021 to:

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Remember, you can submit just a name to get your vet on the honor roll. However, if you decide to share a picture and brief story, be sure to include your own name & phone #, too. We can also scan original photos by appointment.

Support Our Troops

## Helping Others One Flower at a Time

Aaron Armstrong has been in foster care for four years. Knowing what it is like to be pulled from his home and have all his belongings put in a trash bag, he wanted to give back and help others in the same situation. He started a fundraiser to help buy luggage and stuffed animals for foster kids, as well as help wild gorillas.



# Become a Greene County Master Gardener

The next training for becoming a Penn State Extension Master Gardener in Greene County will be in the fall of 2021.

The program is accepting applications for residents to enroll in 2021 Master Gardener Basic Training classes. This program consists of a training course designed to provide participants with information and skills necessary to share their knowledge with others. Volunteers will then use this science-based knowledge to teach the community about growing vegetables, working to attract pollinators, educating the public of all ages, keeping plants healthy, and more. This is not a garden club; it is a 40-week course taught by Penn State educators.

Online weekly classes start October 2021. They will be held Thursday evenings via zoom with Penn State Faculty. Should you miss the class, recordings will be available. Participants will then meet twice a month at the Penn State Extension office, located at 26 West High St., Waynesburg. This will allow students to learn more about

activities in Greene County and do hands on activities. The cost of the class is \$200 and includes an award-winning Master Gardener Manual and hands-on materials.

After completing the class training, candidates must complete 50 hours of volunteer work by September 30, 2022, to become certified. Each year following the original certification, 20 hours of volunteer activities and 10 hours of continuing education are required to maintain certification. There is a variety of activities including demonstration gardens, pollinator studies, writing articles, teaching, answering garden questions, growing plants for our programs, and more.

Our mission is to provide education to the public using research-based information. You must be 18 years of age or older. If interested in becoming a Master Gardener, please contact the Penn State Extension office at 724-627-3745 or email Cheryl Brendel at [ckb5569@psu.edu](mailto:ckb5569@psu.edu). Applications will be accepted until 9/3/21. Apply online at [https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0rfDfHOHBBRcJWS](https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rfDfHOHBBRcJWS).



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# '50s Fest & CAR CRUISE

## Returns for 20th Year!

On September 11, 2021, downtown Waynesburg welcomes back for the 20th year what has become one of the most popular car cruises in southwestern Pennsylvania. The 50s Fest & Car Cruise, presented by Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful, Inc., typically draws 150+ classic vehicles to downtown, including a wide assortment of hot rods, street rods, rat rods, and other classic cars, trucks and motorcycles.

It's a great day of family fun, because 50s Fest & Car Cruise is so much more than a typical car show. The festival also offers retro fun with dance contests, bubblegum blowing, and Hula Hoop contests with oldies music broadcast live all day by Sponsor WANB Radio's "Greene County Greaser" aka Doug Wilson. There are also plentiful door prizes and unique shopping and specials from many downtown merchants and restaurants.

Support is offered by several local sponsors who are featured on the back of the festival's annual collectible T-shirt. The hand drawn t-shirt art is created each year by local artist Colleen Nelson and usually features an actual classic vehicle belonging to a cruise participant. This year's shirt features Teri Garcia's Dusk Rose 1967 Mustang. On the t-shirt, the car will be depicted in front of downtown Waynesburg. "It's always fun to tie in some local landmark with the vehicle on the t-shirt, and Colleen Nelson has a

way of really bringing the personality of both the site and the vehicle alive. Our 50s Fest t-shirts are highly collectible, they will go on sale at the 50s Fest at 10am for just \$12, don't miss getting yours," advises Danielle Nyland, 50s Fest Committee Co-chairperson and board member for Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful. The festival is organized by co-chairs Danielle and Doug Wilson and their committee of local gear heads, grumpy old men and car collectors.

50s Fest tradition also offers a collectible magnetic dash plaque free to all participants and for sale to spectators as long as they last. "The generous support we receive from the downtown merchants and local businesses is what enables us to make this a free event for spectators and participants. There are no admission fees or registration fees for the 50's Fest & Car Cruise in downtown Waynesburg. Make your plans now to be there, or be square," warns Danielle.



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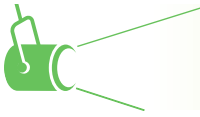
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# Greene Country Fest

## EQT GREENE COUNTRY FEST TO ROCK THE FAIRGROUNDS

The Greene County Department of Recreation and JTG Music will be hosting a two-day country music concert at the Greene County Fairgrounds over Labor Day weekend. The featured acts will include popular local bands and several regional up-and-coming headliners.

In addition to the music, food trucks and vendors will be on hand to satisfy a variety of culinary tastes. Admission is \$20 a car for general admission and \$50 a car for preferred tailgating spaces. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance.

The weekend also includes a cash bash on Saturday, September 4 to benefit Colby's Stars Foundation. Individuals who purchase the \$25 bash tickets are also granted access to the grandstands for the concert. The gates open at 3pm with the music starting at 4pm. The musical line-up that day includes Soldiers and Sons, Cassidy Chambers, Junior Guthrie & Push, Frank Viera, and headliner Alex Williams.

The Sunday slate begins at 3pm with The Projects, followed by Quick Exit, Andy Gregg, Aris Paul Band, Ruff Creek, and Jackson Gardner and The Landscapers. There will be a full-length fireworks' display after the final note is played that evening. The firework sponsors are Mountain State Waste and Advanced Masonry.

According to Bret Moore, the Director of Recreation, "It's been over a decade since we've had a major concert at the fairgrounds. We are very excited about this event and the response from our local businesses has been tremendous."

Those sponsors include: EQT, Three Rivers Royalty, Fox Ford, R&D Watter's, Inc., Watter's Pools, Oil and Gas Safety Supply, JD Enterprises, Advanced Masonry, KSW Oilfield Rental, Mountain State Waste, Strad Energy Services, Michael's Auto Sales, First National Bank, and Direct Results.

The staging and production will be handled by Hollo-wood Music and Sound.

Tickets are available at the Greene County Recreation Office. They can be purchased in person or over the phone at 724-852-5323. They are also available at The Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bee's and The Locker Room.





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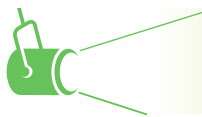
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Jacki Cupples started the company in 2019 from her home. In 2020, Hot Mops moved to a new location on Route 88 in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.

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Hot Mops currently has seven employees, including Jacki. All employees are bonded, insured and have their clearances. They are currently looking to hire more employees.

If you are interested in applying for a job with Hot Mops, or if you are interested in using the services of Hot Mops, call 724-621-0334 or email [hotmopscleaninginc@gmail.com](mailto:hotmopscleaninginc@gmail.com). Find them on Facebook @hotmopsinc.



L-R: Destiny Jones, Lara Keene, Ann Zeller  
James Cupples, Jacki Cupples - owner, and Nicole VanDevender.





## Mountain State Waste

In Mt. Morris, a quarter of a mile off the I-79 Mount Morris exit, sits Mountain State Waste's Greene County location. They're a West Virginia-based company that has grown its customer base solely through word of mouth.

"We're in a unique position where we're large enough to handle any job there is, whether it is a large construction job, a large commercial business or a residential pickup. But we're local, so you're going to get the hometown service," says Brad Pennington, director of business development.

West Virginia natives Randie Lawson and J.P. Phillips founded Mountain State Waste in 2013. Lawson has worked in the waste management industry since the 1980s. He recruited Phillips after he graduated college in the 1990s, and the two have been a team ever since. Now, Phillips and Lawson own a multi-state company, serving West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. The company moved into Greene County three years ago. With their growing numbers of satisfied customers and their recommendations, they haven't had much need for advertising.

"Service is our number one priority, 100%. Our reliability and dependability I think are second to none in this industry," says Michelle Reynolds, corporate controller at the Mt. Morris offices.

Community service is also a large part of Mountain State Waste's mission. Despite making no money from the service, the company has provided free recycling to Greene County and a few of their areas of service. The Mt. Morris location has recycling bins for

metals, plastics, papers and cardboards. The bins are open from 8am to 4:30pm on weekdays and 7am to 11am on Saturdays.

"We want to be a part of the community," Pennington says. "Every community that we service we want to be at least a part of some sort of positive impact in that community."

Now the Mt. Morris location is prepared to start giving back to the area some of the employees call home. Pennington, a Greene County native, said the company is beginning to sponsor community and county events in the county. They recently helped sponsor this year's Greene Country Fest.

"It's a good company filled with good people," Pennington says. "Everyone buys into a common goal of providing great service while continuing to grow the company."

Pennington and Reynolds both promise that every customer, whether an individual or business, will receive the same type of small-town service Pennington and Reynolds themselves would want. They respond to requests in less than 24 hours.

"You can call our offices, and they'll ring right here in Mr. Morris," Pennington says. "They're not going to be sourced out to some call center in the middle of nowhere halfway across the country."

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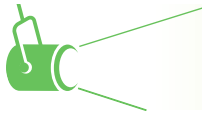
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## Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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

During the pandemic, the chamber dedicated itself to lending support to help businesses deal with closures, financial strains, and more. In 2021 they continue to provide support as businesses are navigating new territory in operations, supply chain and staffing challenges. The weekly eBlast, monthly eNewsletter and additional social media activity connects businesses to the programs, opportunities and ideas needed to rebuild.

You may be aware of the chamber through its community outreach programs such as the annual Waynesburg Christmas Parade. The 82nd annual parade looked a bit different in 2020 when it was forced to be held just a bit differently at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Planning for the 83rd annual

parade is now underway, and the chamber is hopeful that the state will allow High Street to be closed this year. The chamber has awarded an annual \$1500 educational scholarship to a Greene County student for the last thirty-one years. These are just two of the community service projects that the chamber organizes on behalf of the member businesses.

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

The chamber office is now open Tues.-Thurs. from 10am to 2 pm and Monday and Friday by appt., and staff is ready to serve you and your business. Not a member? Now is the time to join the 362 local businesses who utilize the benefits and services that comes with membership. FMI on the chamber, email info@greenechamber.org, call 724-627-5926, visit greenechamber.org or find them on Facebook @greencountypachamber and @greencountychamberbusinessupdates.



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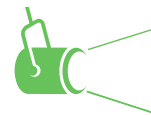
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- Residential Program – provides a home for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live their most fulfilling life. We provide multiple services which include intensive 24-hour care living arrangements, supported living arrangements, and respite services.
- Early Intervention – a program that helps children with developmental delays reach their true potential. Highly specialized and individual therapies enhance each child's learning and growing.
- Agency With Choice – provides in home & community supports including health maintenance, decision making, home management, supported employment, and more.
- Rainbow's End Learning Center – full-service day-care centers for children of all abilities, that provide opportunities for educational and social learning and growth.

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# 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY IMPACT



Members of the Fox family in Waynesburg can't remember a time they weren't involved in the community, serving Greene County high school sports teams, the Greene County Humane Society, Toys for Tots, and local scholarship programs. Their largest area of involvement, however, is sustained volunteering with the Waynesburg Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company.

"After the Foxes moved to Waynesburg from Mount Morris, my grandfather joined the fire department and then my father, and soon after that, my uncle, and at the same time, the shop foreman that worked at the dealership was the fire chief, and one of the mechanics was a long-time member," Mark Fox, current president of Fox Ford, says in one breath.

Mark himself, as well as his three brothers, are all also members of the fire company. Mark said there have been numerous times that half the team would have to drop what they were doing to go fight fires and then come back to the business, but they don't mind.

"We've just always been very committed to that. My dad was an active member of the fire company for 62 years, so my brothers and I grew up with that. You knew that when the pager went off you dropped what you were doing. We always figured that there's an emergency going on, and that was really more important at that moment than what we were doing in the dealership," he says.

Prior to setting up shop in Waynesburg, the Fox family participated as charter members of the Mount Morris Fire Company, where the business started in 1921 about a block from the fire hall.

According to their website, "Fox Ford opened its doors on July 18, 1921, when L.L. Long founded the Mt. Morris Motor Company in Mount Morris, PA. The company sold new and used vehicles, as well as Ford Tractors and equipment. The brothers then decided to purchase real estate in Waynes-

burg, PA, and on March 1, 1941, the Fox Motor Company was opened in conjunction with the Mt. Morris Motor Company."

"So, there's been four generations of Foxes, plus a number of our employees that not only have been members but have had significant roles," Mark says.

The family have also diversified their community ties, involving themselves in the Waynesburg Lions Club, and Rotary Club, as well as the First Baptist Church of Waynesburg, contributing financially since 1941.

Mark said another major community involvement is with Waynesburg University, where he has been a member of the board of trustees for the past 15 years, supporting the golf team.

Mark said Fox Ford is also currently supporting the creation of the new Christian community center on High Street that is being built where the former Belko Food Store was situated.

Why pour so heavily and consistently into the community? Mark says it's as simple as give and take.

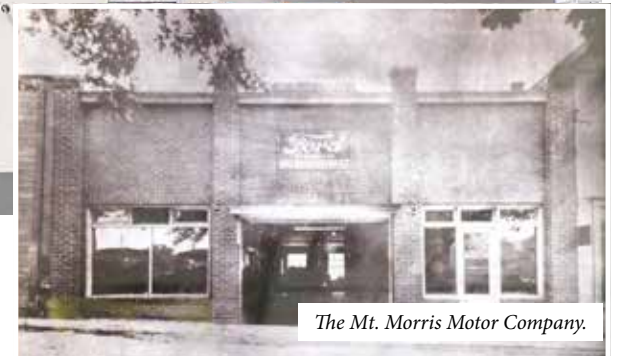
"These folks here have bought and supported our family and business," Mark says. "We want to be part of the community, and that includes giving back."

Mark says without a doubt his favorite part of living in Waynesburg and having a business here, as well as raising a family, is the quality of the community.

"That's the beauty, I think, of living in these small towns in America is that it's a give and take. All the Foxes have always lived in the Waynesburg area," he said.

The assets of living in a small rural community, according to Mark, means you can always keep moving forward because of the valuable connections.

"It's the relationships and the friendships we've had over generations and knowing when I walk up and down [the street], I know lots of people and they know me," he explains.



*The Mt. Morris Motor Company.*

"It's the connectivity of a small town that I think frankly with the world, the way it's going now, we're losing so much of that, but we can still have that in a town like Waynesburg"

Mark says that as the world changes and adapts to new problems and ways of overcoming them, the business will too, but not the way they have interacted with customers for the previous 100 years.

Mark adds that COVID-19 has accelerated the way businesses are changing how they deliver products and services to their customers, as well as how they interact with them. He expects to continue to evolve and adapt to the new technologies as well, but says he is not going to lose the personal touch they developed over these past 100 years.

"We know we're not going to lose knowing our customers by name. We're not going to lose participating in our community and helping our community," he says.

Some changes the Foxes will be implementing includes a new mobile service van launching this fall. The mobile service van will give the opportunity for customers to service their vehicles at homes or businesses, without needing to come into the dealership. Mark says this product was accelerated by COVID-19 and the new world they find themselves operating in.

"So, I think that our dealership will continue to be modern and up-to-date without losing and changing the attributes of it that has made us successful over all these years," Mark says.

The Foxes have always believed strongly in delivering exceptional service to their customers and look forward to serving client needs for years to come.

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## Community Foundation Accepting Fall Community Grant Applications for Nonprofits and Public Schools

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGF) is accepting applications for several grant opportunities for nonprofits, public schools and teachers.

Grants are available from the following funds:

Community Grant Fund projects may include (but are not limited to) any one or more of the following broad priorities:

- Arts, Culture & Humanities
- Children, Youth & Families
- Community and Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Food and Hunger
- Health & Fitness
- Human Services

Grant awards for Community grants will not exceed \$2,000.

Eligible organizations for grants from the Community Grant funds must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits, educational institutions, or governmental units/agencies serving Greene County residents. Religious organizations may apply for projects that focus on addressing community needs beyond the membership of the organization.

L&M Medical Needs Fund will provide a grant of up to \$33,000 to provide financial assistance to Greene County patients or clients for medical needs, such as medical prescriptions, hospice care, or other medical services, through qualified non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations who serve individuals in need of such services.

Consol Energy Excellence in Education Fund will provide grants of \$250-\$500 for teacher-led classroom projects that fall outside the normal school budget, or that the teacher would otherwise use their own funds to support. Grants are available to

public school teachers through their public school.

EITC Innovative Education Fund for approved innovative education projects in Greene County public schools. \$4,425 is available for one or more grants. See the guidelines at <http://www.cfgcpa.org/grants-for-public-schools/> for a list of approved projects.

For more information about these grant opportunities, please go to our website <http://www.cfgcpa.org/about-cfgc-grants/to-review-guidelines,application-procedures-and-process>.

The deadline to submit applications for each of these funds is October 1.

Successful grant awards will be announced in late November for projects beginning after the first of December.

Applications will be accepted through the CFGF Online Grant Portal on the CFGF Grants website at <http://www.cfgcpa.org/apply-for-a-grant/>. FMI, contact the Foundation office at 724-627-2010, or e-mail [cfgcpa@gmail.com](mailto:cfgcpa@gmail.com).



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## Local Children Raise Money for Needy Animals

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Teddy Bear Care, Inc a (501c3) non-profit, animal rescue serving both Greene & Fayette counties now has a Junior Volunteer program to help teach respect for animals and to assist with, in conjunction with their parents, search and rescues of lost animals in Greene and Fayette counties.

On July 10, from 11am – 2pm the TBC Junior Volunteers hosted a car wash and bake sale at Mystery Finds on Rt 88 in Carmichaels, PA.

By the end of the day many cars were washed clean, delicious baked goods were sold and enjoyed, and friends were made. All sales were by donation only and every dollar raised went toward the needs of animals in need in Greene and Fayette counties.

In August, TBC also held a vendor and craft show at Mystery Finds in Carmichaels, where they raised funds and awarded prizes to the best vendors. First to What's Smoking BBQ, second to 1331 Studios, and third to Neen's Soaps 'n Such.

Anyone (adult or child) interested in joining this animal rescue group should contact Donna Roberts at 724-998-6491.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Greene Country Fest	6 LABOR DAY	7 Flea Market, Farmers Market, Sounds of Summer	8 Farmers Market	9 Farmers Market	10 Bowlyby Book Club, Roller Skating, Family Baseball Night	11 Flea Market, 50s Fest & Car Cruise, Teddy Bear Picnic, Cash Bash, Park Concert Series, Roller Skating
12 Covered Bridge Festival	13 TRPIL Golf Outing	14 Flea Market, Farmers Market, Sounds of Summer	15 Farmers Market	16 Warrior Trail Potluck	17 Dunkard Twp. Fall Clean-up, Adult Craft Night, Roller Skating	18 Flea Market, Dunkard Twp. Fall Clean-up, Puzzle Contest, Covered Bridge Festival, Roller Skating, Lucas Oil Mega Pull, Square Dance & Music
19 Covered Bridge Festival	20 Alpacas Farm Days	21 Flea Market, Farmers Market, Sounds of Summer	22 Farmers Market	23 Habitat Restoration Mini Conference	24 Movie Night on the Lawn	25 Flea Market, JM Fall Craft & Vendor Show, Fall Fishing Frenzy, CPR/AED Training, Cricut Class, Alpaca Farm Days, Ice Plant Fall Festival, Mystery at the Museum, Roller Skating
26 Alpacas Farm Days	27	28 Flea Market, Farmers Market, Sounds of Summer	29 Farmers Market	30 Farmers Market		

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## Greene County 4-H and FFA members Thank You 2021 Buyers & Supporters of Our Market Rabbit Sale at the Jacktown Fair



Exhibitor: Allison Pecjak  
Buyer: C&M Waste Water, LLC  
Lynn Wise

Exhibitor: Kelly Courtwright  
Buyer: Community Bank  
Robin Rose

**BUYERS:** C&M Waste Water Service, LLC (2 4-H Youth Scholarship) • Community Bank (Youth Scholarship) • Knight's Farm Supply (2) • Cliff Whyte, Patton Club Lambs (5) • Crouse Farm, Lew & Debbie Crouse (WG FFA Scholarship) • Brookman Iron & Metal, Advanced Orthopedics & Rehab • Washington Chevrolet • George R. Scull • VanDruff Tractor Sales (4-H Youth Scholarship) • Hildreth Club Calves, John & Louise Hildreth (4-H Youth Scholarship) • Crystal Frye • Carla Jacobs (Buyer's Banquet) • Wayne Lumber & Supply • Robert Cowell & Sons • Charlie & Katrina Whipkey (3) • The Calvert Family (Waynesburg FFA Scholarship) • Delaney Transport Services LLC & Carla Jacobs • Clinical Testing Solutions • Clinton Butcher (Buyer's Banquet)

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Greene County 4-H Rabbit Club Leader -  
Becky Pecjak

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## Greene County 4-H and FFA members Thank You 2021 Buyers & Supporters of Our Market Goat Sale at the Jacktown Fair



Exhibitor: Benjamin Archer  
Buyer: 4 Seasons Lawn & Garden  
Murray Hoy

Exhibitor: Allison Pecjak  
Buyer: Morris Machinery  
Rick Morris

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Greene County 4-H Goat Club Leaders -  
Brenda Kramer, Katie Cooke, and Zora Policz

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Buyer - Seldom Seen Farm & Sherwood Holdings LLC



**Reserve Champion Lamb - Ryan Midla**  
Buyer - Giant Eagle, Waynesburg & Rices Landing

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*(pictured left to right)*  
D. J. Jones; Lew Crouse,  
4-H PDC Member; Ben Archer;  
Brayden Mooney

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Kim Barnes, Becky Casto, Tracy Cole,  
Darren Crouse, Cliff Whyte, Lindsey Williams, Loni Willis

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UPHA Ribbons of Service  
Giant Eagle, Waynesburg & Rices Landing  
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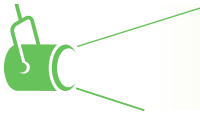
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## Seamon Law Offices

In 2000, there was a lot of excitement regarding what the new millennia would bring. At that time, the founder of Seamon Law Offices, Doreen, was a stay-at-home mom who retired from being a computer programmer to raise her three small children. The family relocated from southwestern Pennsylvania where Doreen had lived her entire life, to West Virginia for her husband's career. Doreen decided to attend the College of Law at West Virginia University.

It didn't take Doreen long to realize that she needed to find a niche to suit her personality because she hated arguing but loved helping people. Around that time, her in-laws asked Doreen to go to an estate planning meeting with them to update their estate plan. After that meeting, Doreen knew what she was meant to do; she could use her education to help people plan for their future.

Doreen opened Seamon Law Offices PLLC in 2008 with the goal of putting clients first and treating them as she would want her own family to be treated regardless of their assets or income. Doreen wanted her community to understand the importance of planning for the future, especially for seniors as they age. She produced a television

show, "Elder Care Answers", which has aired on WDTV (the West Virginia CBS affiliate) weekly for over eleven years. The show enables Doreen to explain complicated estate and elder law issues to her viewers. Doreen's dream of putting her clients first culminated when Seamon Law won the Best Law Office category in the Best of Morgantown's 2020 competition.

Today, Seamon Law Offices has three attorneys and serves Pennsylvanians and West Virginians. Their office focuses exclusively on estate planning, elder law, and probate. A popular service is their Transitions Plan where they help seniors and their families transition through the various levels of care, ensuring their estate plan is up-to-date and to qualify for Medicaid or Veterans' benefits. Their office can also help veterans who believe they were wrongly denied disability compensation. Even if their firm does not work with a family prior to the death of a loved one, they can still help through the probate process after a loved one's passing.

Although Doreen loves West Virginia, she longed to get back to her roots near her extended family. In 2020, Doreen and her husband relocated to Pennsylvania and since

she has been licensed in Pennsylvania for many years, she decided to expand the firm to a second office at Southpointe in Canonsburg. Doreen and her team are delighted to serve their clients at either of their convenient locations.

If you would like to learn more about Seamon Law Offices, have questions about your estate plan, are experiencing age-related

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#### 4 Greene Country Fest

9/4 & 5-3pm @Greene County Fairgrounds, 11 bands, fireworks, food trucks and more. \$20/car. \$50/car for tailgating parking.

#### Rogersville All-Town Yard Sale

8am-1pm(approx.) @Rogersville, Center Twp. VFD Auxiliary will serve food from 8a-1p. Rent a table at the firehall by calling 724-833-0180.

#### 7 Flea Market

7am-2pm @ Greene Co. Fairgrounds. Every Tuesday & Saturday.

#### Farmers Market

5:30-8pm @ Lions Club Park, during the Sounds of Summer series.

#### Sounds of Summer

6-9pm @ Lions Club Park on every Tuesday. See GreeneScene ad for schedule.

#### 9 Bowliby Book Club

4:30pm @Bowliby Library Book: "West with Giraffes" by Linda Rutledge. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

#### 10 Family Baseball Night

7:05p. Purchase tx at Bowliby Library by 9:3. Cost: \$10. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

#### 11 50s Fest & Car Cruise

10am-5pm @ Downtown Waynesburg. Music, cars, food, and a good time!

#### Teddy Bear Picnic

11am-12:30pm @Bowliby Library. Stories, crafts, games, and picknicking with your teddy bear. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

#### Cash Bash

3:30pm @Carmichaels VFW. 50/50 raffle. Chinese auction, food, refreshments. Benefits Teddy Bear Care & 2 Ladies 4 Paws rescue. FMI, find them on Facebook.

#### Park Concert Series

6pm-8:30pm @ Mason-Dixon Historical Park. Music and concessions at the park, bring a blanket and a chair. Cost: \$5 - Kids 12 and under are free.

#### 13 TRPIL Golf Outing

10am-6pm @Lone Pine Country Club. Proceeds from this event will benefit Phase II of TRPIL's Capital Campaign. FMI, call 724-223-5115.

#### 16 Warrior Trail Potluck

6:30-8pm @Warrior Trail Headquarters (1346 Garards Fort Road, Waynesburg, PA).

#### 17 Dunkard Twp. Fall Clean-up

8am-4pm (9/17) & 8am-2pm (9/18) @Parking lot across from municipal park. Dunkard residents only. Accepting: Appliances, Furniture, Construction Wood, Metals, Glass, Plastics and Concrete Block Materials, Tires - \$1.00/Per Tire. Residential only. Must Show Proof of Residency. NO Household Garbage, Batteries, Electronics, Shingles, Oil or Paint. FMI, call (724) 839-7273

#### Adult Craft Night

6:30pm @Bowliby Library. Fall craft, cost is \$20. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

#### 18 Puzzle Contest

9:30am-12:30pm @Bowliby Library. Put together a 500 piece puzzle in three hours or less, in a team of two. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

#### Lucas Oil Mega Pull

4pm @Greene County Fairgrounds. Pulls begin at 7pm \$25. FMI, https://greenecountyfair.org/.

#### Covered Bridge Festival

10-5pm @Carmichaels and White covered bridges.

#### Square Dance & Music

7-10pm @ Center Twp. VFD. There will be square dancing, polkas, line dancing, food and beverages. Doors open at 6:30 pm. \$7/person, \$12/couple, ages 12-18 \$5, free under age 12.

#### 23 Habitat Restoration Mini Conference

5-8pm @Warrior Trail Headquarters (1346 Garards Fort Road, Waynesburg, PA). Meeting to share resources, ideas and learn about how to restore various habitats. Hope enlist industries and individuals to create pollinator pathways for wildlife on the pipelines and on individual landowners properties.

#### 24 Movie Night on the Lawn

7pm @Bowliby Library. Movie: Luca. Bring your chair, blankets, and snacks. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

#### 25 JM Fall Craft & Vendor Show

8am-2pm @JM High School. Crafters, vendors, chicken roast, pumpkins/mums/cornstalks, door prizes, raffle and more. Free admission. Benefits JM Student Council. FMI, juls@jmsd.org.

#### Fall Fishing Frenzy

9am-12pm @Greene County Water Park. Ages 5-12, \$20/child. FMI, call 724-852-5323.

#### CPRAED Class

10am-12pm @Bowliby Library. Cost: \$88 includes training, workbook, take home CPR kit, and 2-year certification. Register early - call 724-984-5702.

#### Alpaca Farm Days

10am-5pm @ Lippencott Alpacas.

#### Cricut Class

10:30am @Bowliby Library. Learn about the

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#### Ice Plant Fall Festival

10-5pm @The Ice Plant. Live music, food and vendors. FMI, call 724-812-7812.

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## SPHS: Centers of Excellence

The Centers of Excellence opened their Greene and Fayette offices in March 2021. They offer intensive case management services for those struggling with an opiate use disorder. They also help individuals with mental and physical health as well as support with their recovery.

Some types of support offered by the COE:

1. Help obtaining housing and funding for housing
2. Connecting with physical health providers
3. Advocating with CYS and with the court system as well as probation and parole
4. Transportation to treatment, to court, or probation
5. Assess level of care for treatment
6. Assist with insurance and obtaining coverage
7. Linking to 12 step recovery meet-

ings

8. Around the clock 24/7 care

The COE would like people to know that opiate disorder is a disease, and it does not discriminate. "There are so many individuals that innocently became dependent and the end result is the same. The stigma... is part of the issue," says Rita Nichol Center of Excellence Director. "The more support that someone can obtain in their journey, the more successful they can be. It is also important for the community to know that there is help out there. It is available around the clock. Someone is ready to help no matter when the need was to arise".

The COE accepts all types of insurance and will also help the uninsured.

The Centers of Excellence are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Someone can be reached at any time by calling 1-888-810-8595.



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



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## Haunted Hills Estate Scream Park

Every fall season, thousands of thrill seekers from Pennsylvania and West Virginia flock to a popular Halloween staple in Uniontown. This high-profile Fayette County attraction has become one of the highest-rated seasonal scare venues over its 18-year history, and as the Park prepares to celebrate its 18th anniversary in horrific style, attendees will find more screams and scary activities than ever.

Haunted Hills Estate Scream Park, opened in Uniontown in 2004, has quickly grown from a small family business into a festival-sized park, with seven themed areas and an array of Halloween Season offerings. To commemorate 18 successful years of entertaining western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the park has added a witch's spell book's worth of new surprises for thrill-seekers to experience during their Fall 2021 operating season.

"Live events are coming back after the true horrors of 2020, and we're ready to provide more entertainment than ever to the region," says Aidan Finnegan, Partner and Creative Director at HHE Scream Park. A showman who also produces Halloween events in New York, and

co-owner of an advertising firm with Haunted Attraction clients across the country, he felt the full effects of the pandemic last year. "The entertainment industry took a huge hit last year, but like any true horror movie character, Halloween events really fought to stay alive. People are finally starting to feel comfortable attending events again, and just in time to celebrate our 18th anniversary. We're bringing it this year."

The Park's creative team has added new walk-through sections to their "fan favorite" attraction, The House. Visitors to the decrepit mansion will get to explore a previously uninhabited section of the sprawling building's basement and a new "chainsaw pit" area as they scream through a longer, more terrifying labyrinth.

Another attraction, a sci-fi themed facility known as "Experiment 31: In Darkness", has suffered a horrifying lightning storm, knocking out its central power system. This season, brave horror fans must find their way through this terrifying attraction as it sporadically "loses power," as escaped test subjects and mutants straight out of an 80s sci-fi horror film wreak havoc.

Upon entering the park, visitors will find a wide array of activity in the park's entertainment hub, the Midway. Here, patrons can take advantage of several Halloween-themed Photo Ops for their social media accounts. The midway also offers roaming performers, a "Haunt Shoppe" stocked with macabre merchandise, a concession stand with a wide array of offerings, Axe Throwing courtesy of WV-based

Mountain Man Axe Throwing, and a new addition for the 2021 Season - the "Soul Collector" Stage, which houses an 15-foot-tall animatronic creature procured from a legendary New Orleans attraction. The stage also provides a mix of

high-energy music throughout the night, and several special events including magic shows and "HHE Idol", a singing competition, on select nights.

Moving away from the park's Midway Area, patrons will trek through the famed "Woods Trails" that gave the park its reputation in the 2000's. New for this season is the "Byte County Mine Shaft", a brand-new themed section in which patrons wander through an underground shaft, escaping miners that have been infected with a parasite, transforming them into humanoid, bat-like creatures.

Never-before-seen audio-animatronics and special effects await visitors, who will trek through more terrifying themes and scenarios than ever before. The park has also lengthened its existing Trails, "The Burial", "Deadwoods", and "Sin Creek." Rounding off the experience is "Corntine", the park's uphill Corn Maze, which has doubled in size for the 2021 season. Visitors can expect to encounter crazed hillbillies and chainsaw-wielding clowns as they find their way through a dizzying, massive cornstalk path.

To assist with the scary entertainment, the park has offered seasonal employment to many passionate performers in the area. "Our always growing staff has been working hard and cannot wait for this season to start. Many of our actors use this seasonal job as an escape from the stresses of everyday life. It gives them an outlet to have fun and make new friends that turn into family", adds Jessica Wymard, the venue's Director of Operations. "Last season, we grew exponentially, and I am looking forward to what the 2021 season brings for our guests."

"What started out as a lifelong dream has grown into a monstrous operation", adds owner and founder Jacquelyn Loveall. "We get to provide Halloween Fun and escapism to pretty much all of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. I couldn't ask for any greater blessing."

Haunted Hills Estate Scream Park presents a yearly Haunted Christmas event, which was named by The Travel Channel as one of the Top 10 Scariest Christmas Haunted Houses in the Country, as well as a Haunted Valentine's Weekend in February, and a Saint Patrick's Day Massacre in March, which attract thousands of horror fans outside the standard Fall offerings.

The Scream Park will reopen on September 10 and will run weekend nights through November 6.

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## Liberty Tree Service

If you asked Jeremy Martin seven years ago what he would be doing today, he would have never imagined that he would spend his days trimming trees and assembling patios for a living. Back then, he would have suspected that he would have worked his entire career underground in the region's coal mines. Now, Jeremy is happily aboveground, being the owner and CEO of Liberty Tree Service, a widely successful landscaping company located in nearby Smithfield, PA.

While he had originally started performing landscaping services, like mowing grass,

as a hobby in the early 2010s, Jeremy decided to get into the field professionally in 2015 after getting laid off from his original coal mining job. Six years later, Liberty Tree Service now a full-service landscaping company, specializing in tree services, outdoor carpentry, and artistic hardscaping creations like patios, walk-ways, and retaining walls.

While Liberty Tree Service is the local expert in tree management with over 22 years of experience in that field under its belt, Jeremy's true passion in this industry is hardscaping, as he feels it can make an impact on future generations.

"The thing that draws me towards hardscaping is the idea that it can last forever," Jeremy says. "My dream is that my daughter will be able to see one of my current projects twenty years in the future and proudly say 'Hey! My dad built that retaining wall!' Leaving my mark in this area for her is what makes this business so important to me."



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## Duda's Farm

Duda's Farm is a family owned and operated farm located in Brownsville, PA that has been providing home-grown produce for approximately 35 years. In addition to their numerous roadside stands, including a stand in Greene County at the airport and a new location in Morgantown, their farm has a farm store, greenhouses, sunflower maze in season which was a new addition this year and during the fall, hayrides and corn mazes.

Duda's grows over 25 different kinds of vegetables and fruits, all of which are available at their roadside stands. Their famous Super Sweet Corn is one of their top products and continues to be a shopper favorite. Duda's Farm Market generally opens around the beginning of May and stays open until the end of October. The roadside stands have various hours and are located in 10 places across southwestern Pennsylvania. All locations accept credit cards, Farmers Market

Vouchers, and EBT.

"Pumpk'n Pick'n Hayrides" at Duda's Farm starts on weekends in late September and lasts until October 31. Admission includes a hayride to the pumpkin patch, choice of pumpkin in the patch, corn maze, walk through animal barn, double barrel shotgun slides, bonfires, and more. We will be following CDC guidelines and Hayrides will be limited in number of people per ride to maintain social distancing but walk-ins will be accepted. Hand sanitation stations will be available throughout the farm.



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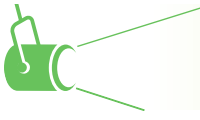
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## Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center

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

Although the lake itself is official public property of Fayette County, the Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center is owned and operated by the Pento family of Uniontown, PA. This long-standing bait and tackle shop has been around since the lake was first developed back in the 1970s, and although the Pentos are not the original owners, they have dedicated their time to upkeeping the shop and modernizing it to thrive in the present day. The outdoor center is scheduled to remain open during both the fall and winter of 2021, allowing for late season trout fishing and even ice fishing if the lake freezes over.

Having acquired the shop and its surrounding property in 2016, the Pento family has been selling an assortment of essential fishing equipment, refreshments, and live bait. They also offer boat rentals, including kayaks and pontoons, for more experienced anglers looking to get on the water itself. Of course, if you would rather buy the boat itself, the shop can help you become a boat owner too. As of late 2020, the Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center is Fayette County's newest NuCanoe dealer, an American-made brand of high-tech canoes and kayaks built for even the most rugged outdoorsman.

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

catfish, and carp. Last fall, the two organizations, along with the local government and the PA Boat and Fish Commission, dredged, restored, and restocked the lake's Children's Trout Pond. The newly restored children's pond is exclusive to first-time and youth anglers under the age of 12, almost guaranteeing them the chance of catching their very own trout.

Bob Pento, one of the primary owners of the Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center, feels that running the shop and maintaining

the lake is his main way of giving back to the community he was raised in. "Originally, my wife and I bought the shop and house on the property as part of my retirement present, but now, it's become a seven day a week commitment," he says. "But I don't mind. I love seeing the kids enjoy themselves on the lake and seeing how excited they get when they catch even a small fish. Watching the kids and their parents fishing together is what makes running this place worth it."



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## Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

### The Trouble with Travel Teams

In the early 1960s there were six Little Leagues in Greene County with a total of 36 teams. Today the equivalent Bronco level has six teams throughout the county. No doubt, video games and the decline of the baseball's popularity has contributed to the current situation. However, the proliferation of travel teams and sport specialization are viewed by many as the primary causes of the decline of youth sports.

In 2008, 45 percent of kids ages 6-12 played on some kind of sports team. Today, only 37 percent of that age group does so. This precipitous decline in just over a decade diminishes the health, emotional and societal benefits afforded by playing on a team. What's even more troubling is the participation divide is along economic lines.

Historically, kids played a variety of sports on locally sponsored and coached teams. In recent years, more and more families are steering their children to specialized travel teams. The theory is this will prevent them from falling behind competitively and possibly lead to scholarship opportunities.

Unfortunately, not all families are able to afford the sizable financial and time investment associated with travel teams. Some parents spend well over \$10,000 a year on registration, fees, and travel costs for such teams. The young people who do not participate in the travel circuit are then at a competitive disadvantage because local resources have been diverted and facilities occupied.

In addition to these concerns, there is a large body of evidence that sports specialization leads to increased injuries in young ath-

letes. A recent multi-year study by the Orthopedic Journal of Sports Medicine is the latest contribution to the data that establishes this correlation. If young people specialize before the age of 14, they have an increased risk of tendon and joint injuries, stress fractures, and growth plate issues due to repetitive muscle movements and a lack of rest. This is particularly true of young females, who have a 30 percent greater risk of such injuries than boys.

The idea these teams will increase the likelihood of an athletic scholarship must be viewed in relative terms. Only six percent of high school athletes ever play a collegiate game at any level. Approximately one percent receive any scholarship money. Moreover, the average scholarship amount at the Division 1 level is \$ 16,000. In reality, very few "full rides" are given out and only in a handful of sports. From a financial perspective, investing the travel money in a nice 529 College Savings Plan would serve as a more practical plan to pay for college.

I recently read an account of a professional football player who chose to keep his kids out of the travel team circuit. He related how he had not started playing organized football until his freshman year in high school. He also played soccer, hockey, basketball and baseball while growing up. His experience was on local teams that never traveled farther than 30 miles from his home. Somehow, he managed to carve out a decent career for himself. His name is Tom Brady.



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### GCASR GOLF OUTING

The Greene County Association of School Retirees [GCASR] held their first annual golf outing on June 25 at Greene County Country Club. All proceeds from this outing benefit the GCASR Scholarship Fund. Every year the organization awards six \$1000 scholarships to a graduating senior from each of Greene County's five high schools as well as the Greene County Career and Technology Center. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on academics, involvement in school and community activities and an essay they submit to the GCASR Scholarship Committee. These scholarships provide valuable assistance toward continuing education and technical training.

According to Lori Greene, GCASR's president, this year's outing was a big success! With the support and generosity of many local businesses from the county and the surrounding area, GCASR was able to raise enough money to fund all their scholarships for 2022. "We are extremely pleased with the success of our first outing and look forward to a bigger and better one next year," said Greene.

Golfers played an 18-hole Scramble with prizes going to the first 3 teams. First



place was awarded to the team of Dennis Garrett, Steve Duke, Craig Conklin, and Dan Lemons. Leisa Shawley was awarded a \$200 Gift Card for her closest to the pin shot on hole 14. The highlight of the Basket Raffle was a foursome of golf to Stonewall Resort in WV won by Chris Haines.

One of the golfers summed up the day by saying, "It was a fun event with good food, great prizes and 18 holes of golf on a beautiful, well-maintained course."

Top picture: Jefferson-Morgan Education Assoc. team BRIAN VIRGIN, SEAN LOHRER, SUE ANN and DOUG HEADLEY.



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# FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

## Beth-Center Bulldogs

08/27	Greensburg Central Catholic	7:00pm
09/03	@California	7:00pm
09/10	West Greene	7:00pm
09/17	@Chartiers-Houston	7:00pm
09/24	Elizabeth Forward	7:00pm
10/01	Washington	7:00pm
10/08	@Charleroi	7:00pm
10/15	Frazier	7:00pm
10/22	@McGuffey	7:00pm
10/29	Waynesburg Central	7:00pm



## Carmichaels Mighty Mikes

08/27	Waynesburg Central	7:00pm
09/03	@Charleroi	7:00pm
09/10	Fort Cherry	7:00pm
09/17	@Mapletown	7:00pm
09/24	Bentworth	7:00pm
10/01	@West Greene	7:00pm
10/08	Monessen	7:00pm
10/15	@California	7:00pm
10/22	Avella	7:00pm
10/29	@Jefferson-Morgan	7:00pm



## Clay-Battelle Cee Bees

08/27	Parkersburg Catholic	7:30pm
09/03	East Hardy	7:00pm
09/10	Valley (neutral)	7:00pm
09/17	@Beallsville (OH)	7:00pm
09/24	Tygarts Valley (neutral)	7:00pm
10/01	@Hancock (MD)	7:00pm
10/08	@Massanutten Military Academy	3:00pm
10/15	Cameron (neutral)	7:00pm
10/29	Calhoun (neutral)	7:00pm
11/05	@Hundred	7:00pm



## Jefferson-Morgan Rockets

08/27	Leechburg	7:00pm
09/03	Washington	7:00pm
09/10	@Cornell	7:00pm
09/17	Avella	7:00pm
09/24	@Monessen	7:00pm
10/01	@Bentworth	7:00pm
10/08	California	7:00pm
10/22	@West Greene	7:00pm
10/29	Carmichaels	7:00pm



## Mapletown Maples

08/27	Avella	7:00pm
09/03	@Northgate	7:00pm
09/10	Chartiers-Houston	7:00pm
09/17	Carmichaels	7:00pm
09/24	@California	7:00pm
10/01	Monessen	7:00pm
10/08	@Avella	7:00pm
10/29	West Greene	7:00pm



## Waynesburg Raiders

08/27	@Carmichaels	7:00pm
09/03	@Bentworth	7:00pm
09/10	California	7:00pm
09/17	Washington	7:00pm
09/24	@Charleroi	7:00pm
10/01	Frazier	7:00pm
10/08	@McGuffey	7:00pm
10/22	Chartiers-Houston	7:00pm
10/29	@Beth-Center	7:00pm



## West Greene Pioneers

08/27	Cameron	7:00pm
09/03	Burgettstown	7:00pm
09/10	@Beth-Center	7:00pm
09/17	California	7:00pm
09/24	@Avella	7:00pm
10/01	Carmichaels	7:00pm
10/08	Bentworth	7:00pm
10/22	Jefferson-Morgan	7:00pm
10/29	@Mapletown	7:00pm



Schedules posted at time of printing, subject to change.

# 2021

Grove City, PA	1:00pm
New Wilmington, PA	1:00pm
Waynesburg, PA	1:00pm
Beaver Falls, PA	7:00pm
Waynesburg, PA	1:00pm
Washington, PA	1:00pm

Grove City	10/2
@Westminster	10/16
Saint Vincent	10/23
@Geneva	10/30
Bethany	11/06
@Washington & Jefferson College	11/13

Waynesburg University - Yellow Jackets	4:00pm
Zanesville, OH	1:00pm
Waynesburg, PA	1:00pm
Waynesburg, PA	1:00pm
Pittsburgh, PA	7:00pm

Waynesburg University	9/04
Case Western Reserve	9/11
Thiel	9/18
@Carnegie-Mellon	9/25



# "MAKE READY"

With Dave Bates of Alpha Omega Shooting Solutions, LLC

## Open VS Concealed Carry

First off, thanks for all the nice comments and thoughtful messages I have been receiving from my "Make Ready" column! I hope the information is proving helpful for everyone and please feel free to reach out with questions at any time.

This month I want to discuss the practices of open carry versus concealed carry and share some suggestions that may keep you safer. I am not an attorney, and I don't dispense legal advice. I am simply bringing some matters to your attention and offering food for thought that may save you time, pain, and aggravation in the long run. This is not a comprehensive list of rules but rather, a primer for the would-be (CCW) student. The PA Firearm Owners Association ([www.pafoa.org/law/carrying-firearms/concealed-carry/](http://www.pafoa.org/law/carrying-firearms/concealed-carry/)) and the National Rifle Association ([home.nra.org/](http://home.nra.org/)) are excellent resources.

Know the law. It's more difficult than it sounds. We're all guilty of taking someone's word for it. Don't! Find it. Read it. Study it. Look it up in the PA Crimes Code. Develop a friendship with an attorney who will share free legal advice and extended training. Attend seminars and peruse good websites and reputable sources. Commit it to memory.

We'll begin with a working definition of concealed carry, more commonly referred to as (CCW) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

*18 Pa.C.S.A§ 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license. (a) Offense defined. --Any person who carries a firearm in any vehicle or any person who carries a firearm concealed on or about his person, except in his place of abode or fixed place of business, without a valid and lawfully issued license under this chapter commits a felony of the third degree.*

Carrying your weapon concealed on your body in public or carrying it loaded inside your vehicle is generally considered concealed carry. If you want to carry concealed, you will need to get a permit or an (LTCF) license to carry a firearm. You can start this process with a trip to the local sheriff's office and picking up an application. Sheriff Simms and his staff are helpful and will fill you in on the process

as you go. Greene County is a great place to make an ourapplication; not all counties are as (CCW) friendly as our county. "That's all I have to say about that," as Forest Gump would say.

Be careful where you take your weapon, concealed or otherwise. There are several places that can give you problems (see filing of criminal charges) for carrying a weapon. This includes, but is not limited to, court facilities, casinos, elementary and secondary schools, detention facilities, private property, some department of state buildings, post offices, VA buildings, hospitals, and mental hospitals. Another area of concern and again, is not permitted, is the carrying of loaded rifles or shotguns in one's vehicle. Again, consult the legal text before doing so.

Next, let's delve into the idea of open carry in public. This is where law begins to cross over into opinion. It is legal to carry one's weapon openly in Pennsylvania. To the non-gun culture, this can be alarming, even disturbing. I have heard open carry proponents say, "I don't care if they like it or not. It's my right!" And it is, but we are in a dangerous time in America. Do we need to intentionally antagonize others simply because we can? What are you getting out of open carry? Would that same sidearm be more effectively deployed if it were introduced as a surprise in a gunfight? Is it more of a liability when it is a known quantity? Are you tipping your hand, so to speak? Admittedly, there are times when I am hunting or fishing that I, myself, carry openly? Absolutely. Is it usually the best platform? Personally, I don't think so.

If you have questions about making the move to carrying concealed (CCW) give me a shout and we can discuss it in greater depth. Good luck with your journey.



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# CARMICHAELS AREA



## CARMICHAELS CHRONICLES

From 1996-99, Carmichaels' softball team won 56 straight section games. They also won four section titles from 1995-98 and claimed back-to-back WPIAL titles in 1997 and 1998. During the later season, the Mikes also won the first PIAA state title by a Greene County team.

The first WPIAL title season was a result of an 18-1 record. The only loss was a 2-1 game against WPIAL AAA champions Connellsville. The team was so dominant, they only played one seven-inning game in the regular season. In the playoffs, they defeated Charleroi (4-2), Beth-Center (10-0), and Sto-Rox (2-1) on their way to the championship game victory over Burgettstown (8-6). In the PIAA tournament, they defeated Fort LeBoeuf 8-0 before falling to Central Cambria.

In 1998, Rob Cole's squad won both the AA WPIAL and PIAA girls' title. They finished the season 26-0 with 20 shutouts and were led by pitcher Nikki Gasti, who went 24-0 with 293 strikeouts in 146 innings. She had 18 shutouts

and five no-hitters. Her ERA was an astounding 0.14 after she gave up only three runs all seasons. She was named the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Player of the Year.

The Mikes scored 257 runs on the season and surrendered only seven. Early in the season, they defeated traditional AAA power Connellsville 5-0 as Gasti tossed a perfect game. The WPIAL championship game was a 2-0 win over traditional power Sto-Rox. The PIAA playoffs began with a no-hit 5-0 win over District 5 champion Tyrone. Gasti remained dominate in the next round with an 8-0 shutout of the District 9 champion Brookville. They faced Sto-Rox again in the state semi-final. The result was another 2-0 win.

In the championship game, the Mikes trailed South Williamsport 2-1 after four innings, thanks to five uncharacteristic errors. It was only the second time all season the team trailed at any point in a game. However, the next four Carmichaels runs went unanswered and the Mikes captured the 5-2 victory and the first girls' PIAA title by any Greene County team.



Michael Stewart is the son of Kimberly Stewart of Carmichaels. He will be a senior in the fall and is involved in football and basketball for the Mikes. Michael plans on joining the National Guard following high school and attending college. He enjoys spending time with family, friends and his dog Roxy.

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Emalee Mejia is a daughter of Angelic Sheridan and Robert Riley of Nemaocolin. Emalee has been playing volleyball for six years and basketball for seven years. She is also a member of the student council, National Honor Society, and Junior Standing Committee. Emalee maintains a 4.0 GPA and enjoys spending time with her family and friends in her spare time. After graduation she plans to attend John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

## GIRL OF THE MONTH

# JEFFERSON MORGAN



## RETRO ROCKET

Ron Headlee took over as the Rockets' head coach in 1988 and turned Jefferson-Morgan into a perennial power in the 1990s. During his tenure, the Rockets won five WPIAL team titles, had 24 WPIAL individual champions, 15 PIAA place winners and seven individual state championships. They won WPIAL Championships in 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, and 1995.

By 1988, they had their first WPIAL champion under Headlee in Eric Mosier. The following year, Cary Kolat and Dave Arnold won WPIAL gold. Kolat went on to win the first of his four state titles and Arnold was the PIAA runner-up. Travis Makel won two state titles in 1994 and 1995. Justin Tracanna became the fourth wrestler from Jefferson to win a state championship in 1995.

In addition to the state champions,

other PIAA place winners included Jim Howard (6th), Bill White 3rd twice), Bob Pennington (5th) and Chad Teasdale (5th)

Individual WPIAL champions during this period included: Cary Kolat (1989-1992), Jim Howard (1990 and 1992), Rob Keys (1990), Eric Mosier (1990), Bill White (1991 and 1992), Justin Tracana (1993-1996), Travis Makel (1993-1995), Rick Thome (1993), Jason Makel (1993), Brandon Teasdale (1994), Chad Teasdale (1995) and Jeremy Rafferty (1999).

Rockets who joined the Century Club (100 victories) in the 1990s included Justin Tracanna (138), Cary Kolat (137), Jim Howard (116), Travis Makel (108), Jeremy Rafferty (107), Rick Thorne (100) and Chris Nyswaner (100).

Another Rocket icon, coach Ernie Benedict was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame (Washington-Greene Chapter) in 1990 to honor his 50 years of coaching at Jefferson-Morgan.



Grant Hathaway is the son of Gretchen Brandstetter of Waynesburg and Dave Hathaway of Clarksville. Grant is a member of the Jefferson-Morgan baseball, wrestling and golf teams. He lettered as a freshman in baseball and wrestling. He is also a member of PAC. In his free time, grant enjoys hunting, kayaking and skateboarding. In the summer, Grant works at Nemaocolin Country Club.

## BOY OF THE MONTH



Madison Wright is the 17-year-old daughter of Leroy and Heather Wright of Mather. She will be a Senior this fall at Jefferson-Morgan, where she carries a 4.37 cumulative GPA and is ranked third in her class. She is the vice-president of the senior class, vice-president of Leo Club, a member of the National Honor Society and the Debate Team. She is also captain and starting outside hitter of the volleyball team, where has lettered all 3 years. Madison also lettered in softball. Her plans are to attend West Virginia University.

## GIRL OF THE MONTH

# SOUTHEASTERN GREENE



## MAPLE MEMORIES

**K**evin Pincavitch of Mapletown High School struck out 92 batters during the 1988 season. He went on to pitch at California University of Pennsylvania. After graduation, he pitched six seasons in the Los Angeles Dodgers' minor league system from the Rookie League to AA levels. He compiled a 39-38 record with a career 3.86 ERA. His stops with the Dodgers included Great Falls (RK), Bakersfield, Vero Beach, Yakima, San Bernardino (A), and San Antonio (AA). He also played six seasons of professional ball

in the Northeast League with New Jersey (1998, 1999, 2001) and Bangor, Maine (2003, 2004) and Atlantic City of the Atlantic League (2000). In 1999, he played for Team USA in the International Baseball Federation's Intercontinental Cup. Those independent league years resulted in a 34-19 record.

He later coached in the independent leagues with the Adirondack and Bangor Lumberjacks and the Washington Wild Things. He also coached Waynesburg Central to two AAA playoff appearances from 2013 to 2017.



In the fall of 2021, Max Vanata will be returning for his fourth year as Maples' starting quarterback. The senior is a three-time All-County, two-time All-Conference and two-time All-District recipient. He was also named All-Area in 2019 and honorable mention in 2020. Max is also a three-year letterman on the Mapletown basketball team. He finished his junior year with honors and hopes to continue playing football in college.



Riley Pekar was a sophomore starter for the Mapletown volleyball and softball teams this past school year. She was named 3rd team Class 1A Section 2 All-Stars and All-County in volleyball. Riley was also named the Greene Sports Player of the Game for Mapletown's first softball playoff victory this spring. She was also the Vice-President of her sophomore class and a member of the National Honor Society. She carries a 4.56 GPA and is involved in many student clubs within the school. Riley is the daughter of Rich and Allison Pekar of Dilliner.

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# WEST GREENE

## PIONEER PAST



The Pioneers saw their greatest football success in several decades in the early 90s. In 1992, Rodney Wilson rushed for 2,073 yards and scored 28 touchdowns. The team made the WPIAL playoffs for only the second time in school history. They defeated Serra Catholic in the first round 34-33 before losing to Clairton 13-7. The following year, they reached the WPIAL Championship game at Three Rivers Stadium after finishing 9-0-1 and beating Avonworth (58-0) and Farrell (7-0) in the playoffs.

In the championship game, they lost to a very talented Duquesne team.

During those years, the Pioneers were led by Wilson, who was named First Team All-State in both '92 and '93. In his senior year, he was named to the Big 33 Team and won the Dapper Dan Player of the Year Award. He finished his career with 6,304 yards (Best in WPIAL history at the time) and 75 touchdowns. He went on to play at Slippery Rock University where he was a four-year letterman and was named to the All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference defensive team in both '96 and '97.

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## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

<b>VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS)</b>	meet with FC, Burgettstown, Cal) 4:00PM	<b>Tuesday Sep. 07</b> California Area 6:30PM	<b>Thursday Sep. 30</b> @ California 7:00PM
<b>Saturday, Sep. 04</b> @ TBA (2021 Marty Uher XC Invitational) Roadman Park, California University of PA	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 05</b> Avella (Tri/Quad Meet) Avella, Burgettstown, C-H) Greene County Airport Course 4:00PM	<b>Thursday Sep. 09</b> @ Fort Cherry 7:00PM	<b>Monday Oct. 04</b> Cameron 6:30PM
<b>Saturday, Sep. 11</b> @ (2021 Red, White, and Blue Invitational) Schenley Park TBA	<b>Thursday, Oct. 14</b> @ TBA (2021 Mingo XC Invitational) Mingo Creek Park 3:00PM	<b>Monday Sep. 13</b> Bentworth 6:30PM	<b>Tuesday Oct. 05</b> Fort Cherry 6:30PM
<b>Tuesday, Sep. 14</b> @ Washington High School (Tri/Quad Meet with Wash, Burgettstown, McG, WBG) Washington Park 4:00PM	<b>Thursday, Oct. 28</b> (2021 WPIAL Cross Country Championships)	<b>Tuesday Sep. 14</b> Chartiers-Houston 6:30PM	<b>Thursday Oct. 07</b> Hundred 6:30PM
<b>Tuesday, Sep. 21</b> @ Burgettstown (Tri/Quad meet with Burgettstown, Belle Vernon, Brownsville) Hillman Park 4:00PM	<b>Saturday, Nov. 06</b> (2021 PIAA Cross Country Championships) Parkview Cross Country Course (in Hershey)	<b>Thursday Sep. 16</b> Avella 6:30PM	<b>Tuesday Oct. 12</b> @ Avella 7:00PM
<b>Saturday, Sep. 25</b> @ TBA (2021 A. J. Everhart XC Invitational) Penn State Fayette Campus TBA	<b>VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)</b>	<b>Saturday Sep. 18</b> @ Bethlehem Center (2021 B-C Girls Volleyball Tournament) 8:30AM	<b>Thursday Oct. 14</b> Mapletown 6:30PM
<b>Tuesday, Sep. 28</b> @ Fort Cherry (Tri/Quad	<b>Monday Aug. 30</b> Scrimmage Bethlehem Center 5:30PM	<b>Tuesday Sep. 21</b> @ Mapletown 6:30PM	<b>Tuesday Oct. 19</b> @ Geibel Catholic 7:00PM
	<b>Thursday Sep. 02</b> Scrimmage Waynesburg Central 5:30PM	<b>Wednesday Sep. 22</b> @ Hundred 6:30PM	<b>Wednesday Oct. 20</b> @ Cameron (Tri-Match vs Cameron and Tyler Consolidated) 5:30PM
		<b>Thursday Sep. 23</b> Geibel Catholic 6:30PM	<b>Thursday Oct. 21</b> Jefferson-Morgan (Senior Night) 6:30PM
		<b>Tuesday Sep. 28</b> @ Jefferson-Morgan 6:30PM	<b>Tuesday Oct. 26</b> (WPIAL playoffs)



Wesley Whipkey is the son of Joe and Stacey Whipkey. He is a three-sport athlete, participating in football, basketball and baseball. He is slated to be the starting quarterback for the football team, which hopes to repeat as section champions. On the court, Wesley helped the basketball team to three straight playoff appearances. His extra-curricular activities include West Greene's aquaponics program and volunteering with the Little League football program. He is an avid hunter and fisherman as well.

## BOY OF THE MONTH



BreAnn Jackson is the daughter of Brian and Crystal Jackson. She is a three-sport athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball and softball. The senior helped the volleyball team make its first-ever WPIAL playoff appearance last season. She also played on the basketball team that has made three straight WPIAL Championship game appearances. On the diamond, she plays first base for the Pioneers' WPIAL champion softball team. BreAnn is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers regularly at her Mother's Day care center. She is also an active member at Willow Grove Baptist Church.

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# CENTRAL GREENE

## RAIDER RECALL

**L**In 1999, the Raiders won the WPIAL baseball title and finished as PIAA runners-up.

In the playoffs, they defeated Canevin (11-4), South Park (4-2) and Shady Side Academy (8-7 in 8 innings). They met their section rival Brownsville in the WPIAL finals. After the first five innings, the game was tied 5-5 when sophomore Lee Fritz came on in relief of Pat O'Donnell. Fritz held the Falcons the rest of the way while he and Jeff Klinefelter each drove in a run for the margin of victory. Fritz's brother Derick was the other key pitcher on the team. He finished with a 6-2 record and won two playoff games, including the semi-final. Catcher Jeremy Gayman led the team in hitting with a .479 average on the year. Lee Fritz and Alex Phillips batted .409 and .373, re-

spectively. Centerfielder Jeff Klinefelter was also a key contributor hitting .365.

In the PIAA tournament, they became the first Greene County boys' team to play for a state title in any sport. In the opening round, they easily dispatched Northern Cambria 12-2. After defeating Brookville, they met Brownsville for the fourth time that year. They were down three runs going into the sixth inning. However, they rallied to tie the game with a run in the bottom of the seventh and went on to win 15-10 in extra innings. Sophomore Lee Fritz drove in seven runs and got the win in relief of Pat O'Donnell. Over 1,500 fans made their way to Harrisburg for the PIAA Championship Game. However, the squad came up just short of the state title, falling to traditional power Palmyra 7-2 in the finals.



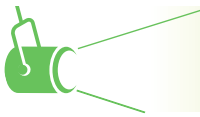
Mason Switalski is the son of Wayne and Amy Switalski of Waynesburg. He is going to be a junior this year at Waynesburg Central High School. Mason plays baseball, soccer, basketball and golf. He has earned varsity letters for baseball, soccer and basketball. His sophomore year he was named All-County and All-Section for baseball. He was also named the "RBI King" and the "utility man" for the Waynesburg baseball team. Mason has maintained an unweighted 4.0 GPA for his whole academic career. In his spare time, he loves to hunt, fish, spend time with his family, and volunteer with the Waynesburg Pony Baseball League.

**BOY OF THE MONTH**



Brenna Benke is the daughter of Scott and Traci Benke of Waynesburg. She has lettered in soccer, track and basketball. She was a member of the WPIAL state qualifying team in the 4 X 100. Both the soccer and basketball teams also qualified for the WPIAL playoffs. At school, she is a member of the art club, Varsity Club, Leo Club, Spanish Club, SADD, Alpha Beta, and the student council. She is also a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, where she enjoys participating in her youth group and going on mission trips.

**GIRL OF THE MONTH**



## Triple M

Opened in May 2018, Triple M Auto Service is your one-stop shop for your car service needs. Bob Miller, owner and mechanic, has worked his entire life as a mechanic. It was always his dream to open his own garage, and when the former Maraney's garage closed, it presented the perfect opportunity for Bob to realize his dream in the vacated building on Vine Street in Carmichaels.

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Ozie's has been serving the Greene County community since 1978, when John Ozohonish, along with his father John (Pok-ey), opened the store along Route 88. John has retired and his son Jim, who was always helping in the store while growing up, operates the store now. Jim, Jim's wife Tracy, and daughters Emily and Abby are continuing the tradition of supplying the community's hunting and fishing needs.

Ozie's supports the community and assists with fundraising efforts, gun bashes, and other endeavors. They have continued their efforts to raise money to keep Ten Mile stocked.

In addition to the wide variety of hunting, archery, and fishing gear available at Ozie's, you can also get your hunting and

fishing licenses. During the summer, they have live bait for fishing and their inventory continues to expand to include new, popular items. This year they also did a kids' fishing derby. It was a success that they hope to continue for years to come.

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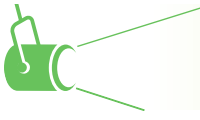
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## Pento Homecare Agency

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

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

Pento Homecare Agency since 2010 and has been pleased with the company's home health services from day one. As an individual with physical disabilities, this Clarksville resident relies on the homecare agency to provide her with daily services that she cannot perform due to her health issues. Her personally selected home aide helps her with housekeeping, meal preparation, personal hygiene, health and medication checkups, errands, and even transportation to doctor's appointments.

Having once worked as a home health aide herself, Prosperity-Magic truly believes that Pento's kind-hearted nature and his compassion for his patients is what truly sets his agency apart from other in-home healthcare companies. "Jesse truly cares about his patients," she says. "Other agencies usually have some sort of middleman between the patient and their caretakers and are just generally im-



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

personal. Jesse on the other hand works hard to make sure every one of his clients are taken care of. He even sends me birthday cards and Christmas presents, just to show his appreciation."

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

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

my staff, our patients are part of our family," Jesse says. "I will always ensure that the people we serve will have the proper care they need and a company they can truly rely on, no matter what."

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"We serve our neighbors from cradle to gray, and we provide assistance at all income levels," comments Blueprints Director Stacy Stroman. "We co-design solutions that encourage self-made stability."

From helping find places to live through Independent and Transitional Living programs to encouraging healthy practices with Senior Care and Home Delivered Meals, Blueprints looks to ensure their participants are thriving in all aspects of life.

As a subcontractor for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging since 1968, Blueprints

provides aging-related programming to older adults of Greene County through an extensive range of services. Their Home Delivered Meal Program alone provides over 66,000 meals per year to vulnerable individuals in the community on top of early identification and outreach for those adults.

"The goal of our aging programs is to enable seniors to maintain as much independence as possible in their own community and avoid out-of-home placement late in their lives," Stacy says.

Blueprints' six centers around Greene County aim to foster socialization, wellness, good nutrition, and other support through their attentive services. Thanks to the commitment of Blueprints' staff and volunteers, their programs are still running with contactless options as the pandemic continues.

FMI on Blueprints and their programs, check out [www.myblueprints.org](http://www.myblueprints.org).



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## White Covered Bridge Festival

**I**t's festival time! Come join us as we celebrate 102 years of the White Covered Bridge in Garards Fort, Pennsylvania, September 18 and 19, 2021!

The White Covered Bridge Association has worked throughout the year to celebrate the return of the festival. Crafters and demonstrations are ready. Gospel singers will perform on our stage. Civil War re-enactors will be camped out and ready to battle! We also welcome back Native American re-enactor "Ghost in the Head".

Rocky Ridge Farm will provide their beautiful horses and mules for wagon rides. There will be lots of fine homemade food; made by local church groups, fire departments and non-profits - something for everyone. This year's festival is dedicated to the memory of beloved member, Virginia Glidden, who went to be with the Lord in February at the age of 97.

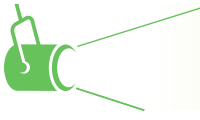
The festival starts at 10am on Saturday, September 18 with a flag raising ceremony by Civil War re-enactors and Bernice Jeffrey singing our National Anthem. Matt Cumberledge from the Greene County Historical Society Museum will provide opening remarks.

Gospel singers will perform throughout the day and at 3pm there will be a Civil War re-enactment. The festival closes at 5pm.

On Sunday, September 19, a 10am Worship Service led by Reverend Gary Whipkey of the John Corbly Memorial Baptist Church of Garards Fort starts the day. Music, vendors, food and a 3pm Civil War re-enactment fill the days schedule. The festival will end at 5pm with Civil War Re-enactors retiring the colors.

Join us for the festival at the White Covered Bridge located near Garards Fort in Greene County, Pennsylvania. We look forward to seeing you!





## Wayne Lumber & Supply

### WAYNE LUMBER & SUPPLY USING LOCAL EMPLOYEES TO HELP SERVICE WAYNESBURG

In August 2018, the Mooney family purchased Wayne Lumber with one goal in mind: servicing their local community. Nearly three years later, the company continues to grow and service the Greene County area, thanks in large part to the work of their dedicated local employees.

"The past 18 months have been filled with challenges with supply chains," owner Greta Mooney says. "But our employees have stayed focused and continue to work diligently to assist our customers and source products."

Those employees take pride in helping the people of Greene County because most of them grew up in the area. With a vast knowledge base, the team works together to help customers no matter what their needs, and when one employee lacks knowledge in a certain area, another can step in and help. One employee, Brett Orndoff, has worked in retail for 40+ years and is great at merchandising; another employee, Kelly Murdock, has only been in retail for a couple years, but has a strong plumbing background and enjoys helping customers problem solve.

Store Manager Greg Katchmark grew up in West Greene and is in his second stint with Wayne Lumber; the teamwork and closeness to the community brought him back.

"I like that every day is different because you always have different customers coming through the door with different problems," Greg says. "It's nice that you get to know your local customers, especially the local contractors, and you get to help

them with their everyday problems."

Since the Mooney's took over, one of their goals has been to enhance and grow each department of Wayne Lumber & Supply, to provide increased products to offer the customers. These improvements deliver more product selection, which brings more projects to life, and has allowed the associates offer better service to the customers.

Because so many of the employees are local, they take great pride in seeing their hard work come to fruition with completed projects all over the county.

"I feel like I have made an impact on people by building relationships and earning customer's trust on things they are working on," salesman Zack Leskosky says. "Just recently I gave someone an estimate for their garage, and it is cool to be able to drive by and see your work come alive in the community."

While they are out working in the community, Wayne Lumber & Supply is also creating a tight-knit group of employees that have learned to work well together as a team. Being local helps them know their customers and knowing the area assists with deliveries.

The close group creates a positive atmosphere around the store, which translates into a positive experience for every customer that walks through the door.

"It is a good atmosphere, when you come in everyone is usually smiling and asking how you are doing," yard supervi-

sor Craig Thomas says. "It is a great environment, but at the same time it is very fast paced."

With so many local connections within the company, Wayne Lumber & Supply is well equipped to help you with whatever products you need. To get a quote on your next project, visit their store located at 542 West High Street or visit their new website at [WayneLumberSupply.com](http://WayneLumberSupply.com).

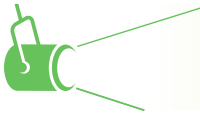
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## Greene County Foster Care

### GREENE COUNTY FOSTER CARE SEEKS GROWTH WITHIN THE PROGRAM

**W**e're still vying for foster homes. That's our top priority," says Michael Holloway, deputy director of Greene County Foster Care.

Holloway said the need for more available foster homes within Greene County is mainly to alleviate the added trauma of alternative placements for children going through this process.

According to Holloway, maintaining care for the children means fighting to keep their placement within the county. Placement outside of Greene County means children lose not only the environment they are familiar with, but peer connections, educational opportunities, and their meaningful interactions within the community.

"The only consistent thing in some of these children's lives might be their ability to go to school and sit in a class that they enjoy and have a teacher talk to them about their day," he explains.

"They might find comfort in running around at recess together with their friends or sitting in a pew at church on Sunday. That might be significant to them and that often gets forgotten."

Holloway, along with foster care and adoption supervisor Beth Booker, acknowledge that child welfare is not an easy conversation to have, and are seeking to provide education and understanding about the process to make the uncomfortable comfortable.

They are attempting to achieve this by partnering with local churches and by using advertisements to be more visible within the public and the community. And their efforts are starting to pay off.

"In about a year's time, we've more than doubled the amount of appropriate foster care homes within our county," Holloway says. "I can't tell you how impactful that is."

The number of appropriate homes within the county is up to 12 from six, which is still a much smaller number than they'd like to see.

Booker and Holloway said foster care is never intended to be long-term, and reunification is their primary goal, with adoption as their concurrent goal. Pre-adoptive homes are an option with different certifications, and becoming a foster care family is more straightforward than one may think.

Foster parents can let the agency know what behaviors they will and won't be able to handle, certain age groups they prefer etc. and from that information they determine how many children families can receive based on the size of the homes and available beds. Families also receive appropriate subsidies for childcare.

Future foster families are required to have their state criminal background check and child abuse clearances; a federal criminal history record check completed by submitting a one-time full set of fingerprints; and certification from state-wide registry of child abuse in any state in which they have resided during the past five years. Additionally, families will complete a physical and obtain references from non-family members.

Booker said trauma is another factor that often deters adults from being certified foster parents, but that the agency provides information and training to equip parents during the transition.



*Those involved with Greene County Foster Care are dedicated to helping the children in their care.*

"We just need loving homes, it's a simpler process than it looks like on paper," Booker says. "If parents would like to foster, they can call 724-852-5217 and ask for Beth or Margaret. We're very passionate, we want to get the word out, we're trying to recruit as many parents as we can in Greene County."

Booker said that their first option is attempting to certify a kinship home so that the children can stay with someone they already know.

"So, when a child comes into care, we always try to find kinship first. That can be an actual blood relative or just a family friend, somebody the child, or the family has a relationship with," Booker explains. "We've had some people that we've certified for kinship who then decide once their time as a kinship provider is done, to become foster parents. That's great because we always do appreciate them staying on."

To help establish connections and additional support for children and families in Greene County, the agency is in the process of searching for mentors, as well as creating a support group for foster parents.

Greene County Foster Care is partnering with Blueprints, a local nonprofit, to develop their mentorship program for willing youth currently in the system. The program is still within the planning phase but will aim to help develop meaningful connections that help children relationally and to build skills for their future.

Holloway said the county has never had something like this, so they are building from the ground up. He is in contact with Heather Thornburg from Blueprints, who runs their Independent Living Program.

The Independent Living Program works with any kids in foster care, kids that have ever been in foster care, or adjudicated dependents. Once children reach the age of 14, they can take part in this program which teaches life skills and builds connections within the community. Holloway hopes to extend the mentorship to younger children as well.

The agency is envisioning various tiers of service to the children depending on how hands-on mentors would like to be. Being a mentor could just mean sending cards on the holidays, or as in-depth as taking children out for school shopping, dinner, or to the movies, which would require a thorough vetting process and obtaining clearances.

The agency would also like to have psychological training available for mentors so that they can approach conversations with the children and mentoring in general to encourage understanding of the complexities of PTSD, mental health, and other types of traumas they would be exposed to as mentors to children in foster care.

"We want to make sure that mentors are never once feeling like they're over their head. We want to make sure that they're empowered so that they're actually making a difference in influencing these children in a way they intended to," Holloway said.

He said he is excited to collaborate with the community to ultimately do what they can to impact children in Greene County.

If anyone is interested in becoming a foster family, please contact Beth Booker or Margaret Keruskin at 724-852-5217.

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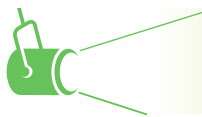
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Today, visitors can tour the blacksmith shop, pattern

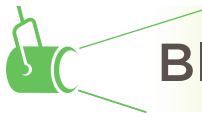
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The Machine Shop is owned and operated by Rivers of Steel, which also manages the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area and the Carrie Blast Furnaces. Over the last decade, the heritage nonprofit has invested over \$1 million in a four-phase restoration of the







## Blueprints: Early Learning

### EARLY LEARNING WITH BLUEPRINTS

If the trials of the last year and a half have taught the world anything, it is how important resilience and adaptation are when facing adversity and unexpected circumstances. Learning how to adapt and persist through difficult, often unpredictable situations is the basic foundation that Blueprints' early education programs are built upon.

With their three separate early education programs, Blueprints happily assists eligible children, including children with disabilities, and their families from prenatal to five years old with both center-based and home-based education and care. Their early learning programs include Early Head Start, which covers pregnancy through age three, Head Start for three to five-year-olds, and Pre-K counts for three to four-year-olds. The programs do not simply focus on the education of the child, but use a holistic approach to improve the child's overall health and wellbeing.

"Whether they're home-based or center-based, what we're offering and what we're focusing on is their education and child development," says Brenda Fronzaglio, the early learning program director at Blueprints. "It's also about the child's health and within that health, we're talking about their physical health, oral health, and mental health and wellness."

Putting an emphasis on parent-family engagement, Blueprints' staff recognizes the crucial role the home environment and family plays in influencing a child's development from a young age. Through the home-based option, staff members actually come to work with families in the environment the child will be raised in and focus on building healthy relationships between parents and child.

"We have our family and community

unit that focuses on parent-family engagement and through this involvement, we're helping families to set goals to be able to support their employment, their financial, and their educational goals. This supports families in being able to "break barriers & build futures," Brenda adds.

While COVID prevented complete in-person operations, Blueprints was able to create a hybrid model to ensure their participants were still getting the assistance they needed. While their centers are returning to in-person operations, some aspects will likely have a virtual option such as parent meetings for convenience. Class Dojo, an online communication and resource platform between staff and families, will still be used due to its success during the pandemic. Through Class Dojo, the teaching staff and case workers are able to efficiently share classroom information and resources to the children and their families.

"I'd also like to add about our community partnership and our collaborators that we have a very strong relationship with," includes family and community manager Kathy Catalano. "We are taking that holistic approach and providing and connecting families to community resources to help support their well-being."

What really sets Blueprints' apart is their comprehensive approach on all aspects of a child's education and health on top of the extensive variety they offer in their services. They currently have openings in all age groups in both home-based and center-based services.

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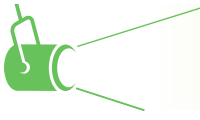
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As the summer season ends, many of us are looking forward to putting away our lawn equipment for the season. Perhaps, your equipment is a little worse for the wear and you are looking for a replacement or an upgrade. Luckily, there is the locally owned and operated Action Equipment Center, an award winning, full-service lawn, garden, and farming equipment dealership owned by Debbie Harden, a local farmer and business owner in Washington County.

Since the summer of 2015, Action Equipment Center, located on Jefferson Avenue in Washington, Pennsylvania, has been offering a wide variety of equipment to meet a range of lawn, garden, and farming needs. Customers can find a diverse array of tools at Action Equipment Center to fit their needs, including handheld equipment such as chainsaws, trimmers, and blowers, as well as larger equipment including push mowers, lawn mowers, residential and professional zero-turn mowers, compact tractors, utility tractors, and farm tractors. Customers at Action Equipment Center will find the most popular and trustworthy brands available for everything the business sells.

Since 1961, Cub Cadet equipment has been proudly built in America at facilities in Ohio, Mississippi, and Tennessee. As the years have passed, and the world has changed, the company has evolved their products to meet the needs of their customers. Today the company offers a wide range of yellow and black equipment including lawn tractors, residential & professional zero-turn mowers, utility vehicles and more. American made and customer satisfaction were two main reasons Action Equipment Center brought Cub Cadet back to Washington County. Debbie is proud to have sat on the Cub Cadet Dealer panel for the past 2 years.

Mahindra USA brand tractors are also available at Action Equipment Center. Working hard since 1947, Mahindra is known as the World's #1 selling Farm Tractor. Mahindra offers a range of horsepower starting at 20 and going up to 75. Mahindra equipment is assembled here in the United States and is available for purchase at Action Equipment Center.

Action Equipment Center is growing and are introducing new product lines in 2021. They are pleased to welcome the CASE IH brand back to Washington County. Case IH, with more than 175 years of industry experience, is recognized as a global leader in highly efficient professional farm equipment helping farmers meet the challenges of modern farming. Stop at Action Equipment Center to shop for new equipment, parts, and service from Case IH products.

A new mower line, Spartan, was also added. The Spartan line is built better and stronger than the competition, all while offering an unbelievably comfortable ride,

great looks, and more value. Spartan products are handcrafted in Arkansas with American steel, muscle, and workers.

Looking for new implements? A new implement line, Titan Implement, was added this year. Titan Implement LLC provides a full range of rotary cutters, rotary tillers, box blade scrapers, grader blades, landscape rakes, disc harrows, and skid steer attachments. Titan agricultural equipment is designed to exceed customer expectations and provide the best value for cost.

Action Equipment Center also offer a test drive program where potential customers can test drive a Cub Cadet mower on their own property to find the right fit for them. They hold spring and fall test drive events so customers can get a feel for the assorted range of equipment. They have a large, stocked showroom and are waiting to help you find what you need.

If you find your equipment needing new parts or service, they've got you covered! Action Equipment Center is a full-service dealership, offering sales as well as parts, and service. They are an authorized parts dealer for CASE IH, Mahindra, Cub Cadet, Husqvarna, Spartan, Kawasaki Engine, Briggs & Stratton and Kohler Engines. They service a variety of both large and small equipment including lawn tractors, compact tractors, zero turn mowers, farm tractors, implements, chainsaws, trimmers, blowers, and more. Action Equipment Center has a large in-stock inventory of OEM replacement parts; if they don't stock what you are looking for, they will happily order it in. They specialize in the service of the brands that they sell. They also service some brands that they don't sell, depending on the type of machines and the nature of the problem. Action Equipment Center also has pickup and delivery services available for both new equipment and any equipment that needs to be repaired. Recently they have added a loaner

program for commercial customers to prevent down time while their equipment is being repaired.

Action Equipment Center is a rapidly growing business, reaching out beyond Washington County into Greene and Allegheny counties, and they've had great success in their first six years in business. From 2016 to 2020 they were honored as a "Top 100 Club" with Cub Cadet out of 1600 dealers in the nation. They also earned the 2018 Mahindra High HP Dealer of the Year Award and the Mahindra Club 50 Award for being a top 50 dealer in the United States. Then at the end of 2019, at the annual Cub Cadet dealer convention, Action Equipment Center was named the national Cub Cadet retailer of the year! Chris Reihls, regional sales director at Cub Cadet said, "We're honoring Action Equipment Center with this award because they exhibit a commitment to their employees and community while providing quality products and services. The dedication to customers and alignment with our company values stands out and deserves to be recognized."

Action Equipment Center is active in the local community sponsoring local agricultural and hometown sporting events. They have appeared at the Washington County Kids' Fest, Washington County Sportsman Show, and other local events in the area. They participate in the local county fairs as vendors and as sponsors of market livestock.

If you are interested in any of Action Equipment Center's lawn and farm equipment or services, contact their dealership at 724-503-4223. Their hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm, Saturday 8am to 12 pm, and they are closed on Sundays. You can also reach their sales department via email at [sales@actionequipmentcenter.com](mailto:sales@actionequipmentcenter.com). Or visit their website at [www.actionequipmentcenter.com](http://www.actionequipmentcenter.com).



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## Basic Tax Accounting & County Realty

Cheryl Semonick is dedicated to helping the residents of Greene County, whether their needs are finding a new home or an income tax preparation. Through her businesses, Basic Tax Accounting, LLC and County Realty, LLC, she has been serving the county for over 20 years. Through both of her businesses, Cheryl strives to educate and advise her clients of their best options.

Basic Tax Accounting LLC has prepared taxes for individuals, businesses, corporations, farms, rentals, estates and more for more than two decades. Cheryl is a licensed Enrolled Agent, designated and licensed by the IRS, providing her with the power to represent her clients before the IRS and tax court. She stays up-to-date with information and changes by taking continuing education classes. "I enjoy sharing my knowledge with my clients and educating them to understand tax issues/laws and how to apply them," Cheryl says. "I am a straightforward person who tells it like it is – even if it isn't what the client wants to hear."

County Realty LLC lists and sales real estate. Cheryl became a Broker of Record

and has been licensed to sell real estate since 2008. She mainly focuses on the Greene County area but can provide real estate services throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Cheryl's no pressure approach to real estate sets her apart from others. "I don't pressure a real estate sale. This is a big decision and huge investment on their part. It doesn't matter how many homes we see; I encourage my clients to take their time and think about it."

In addition to Cheryl, her office employs two staff members integral to operating both businesses. Sandy Zuspan assists in the tax preparation and advising clients, and receptionist Megan Clark does a wonderful job of scheduling and handling tax input for the drop offs. "My staff makes my office successful and are very appreciated. They are compassionate and courteous to all clients that shows in their patience daily, Cheryl adds. "We love our clients."

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## Waynesburg Rehabilitation & Healthcare

Waynesburg Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center is proud to be an integral part of the community for those in need of their services. At Waynesburg, neighbors take care of neighbors and deep connections with the surrounding communities make the facility a special place to receive care.

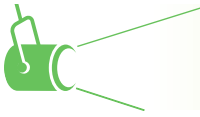
The Center is a 111-bed skilled nursing facility with private and semi-private rooms and custom dining options. Amenities at the facility include salon services, therapy gym, three courtyards, recreational and social activities, and activity pavilions. Their experienced roster of staff members known in the community for their dedication and longevity. They strive to provide an enriching atmosphere for those in their care.

The Center is proud to be the home to the largest inpatient rehabilitation gym in Greene County, with state-of-the-art exercise equipment to support the recovery process. They offer a large range of specialty services including physical, occupational, outpatient, and speech therapy; stroke rehabilitation; diathermy treatment; wound care; dementia and Alzheimer's care; bariatric care; peritoneal dialysis; podiatry, dental, audiology, and optometry services.

The Waynesburg Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center is part of Guardian Healthcare, a leader in senior healthcare services. Guardian Healthcare operates skilled nursing facilities in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Interested in joining the team? They have open positions for CNAs, LPNs, RNs, or those wanting to care for the elderly. They provide free training for those hired.

At Waynesburg, a beautiful rural setting and a familiar face are never far away. FMI, visit their website at [guardianhc.com/locations/waynesburg/](http://guardianhc.com/locations/waynesburg/), find them on Facebook, or call 724-852-2020.





## Compassionate Certification Centers

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Compassionate Certification Centers (CCC) is an award-winning medical cannabis certification center that provides medical marijuana certification services and high-quality CBD products. Since 2015, we have been devoted to providing patients with cannabis-derived treatment options for a wide range of medical conditions. We're here to raise the level of treatment that patients receive while seeking their medical marijuana cards by providing trust, clarity, and the diagnostic help to find the right medicine. Our network of certified physicians operates throughout some of the top medical regions providing consultations, treatment plans, and high-quality CBD products.

Compassionate Certification Centers

is an international award-winning cannabis organization. Recently, the company was awarded "Best Certification Center - USA" in Global Health & Pharma's (GHP) Consumer Cannabis Awards 2020. The company was recognized by GHP as "Leading Pioneers in Medical Marijuana Registration - Pennsylvania" and a "Distinction Award for Cannabis Medicine Advancement 2020," in their Medical Marijuana Awards 2019.

The foundation of our business lies within our brick-and-mortar clinics. CCC has office locations throughout Pennsylvania, plus a virtual telemedicine option so patients can see a physician without the hassle of leaving home. After the initial certification, cardholders are required to renew medical cannabis certification yearly - but unlike the other places, with CCC there are no 3 month follow-up visits, no drug tests are required, and every interaction is confidential and judgement free. CCC representatives will walk you through each step of the process and even help you register with the PA Department of Health. You don't need a prior doctor's recommendation - and there's no risk! We will

obtain any necessary medical records from your healthcare provider - and can even pre-qualify you FOR FREE before you schedule.

The company recently expanded to include Compassionate Care Medical Professionals. CCMP is a comprehensive wellness center, overseen by Dr. Buege, that provides non-cannabis related specialized care such as allergy testing and immunotherapy, wellness visits, and diagnostic screenings. Together, both CCMP and CCC work synergistically to offer naturopathic medicine, immune system analysis and supplementation, and nutritional counseling. CCMP services can be billed to a patient's insurance plan, as they are not cannabis related.

"Patients feel comfortable in our care. Many have been asking us for years if we could be their primary care doctors or inquiring with us about additional treatments to supplement health and immunity. We are thrilled that we can now bill insurance and provide specialty and ancillary services to all patients, regardless of cardholder status," says



Melonie Kotchey, founder and CEO of Compassionate Certification Centers.

CCC / CCMP Washington County is located at 875 W. Chestnut St in Washington, PA 15301. Locals will know our building as the old Eat n' Park, just a few doors down from the Healing Center Dispensary. Additionally, our new virtual telemedicine option has allowed us to expand statewide - so patients can see a CCC physician without the hassle of leaving home. Patients can register online, and schedule by utilizing the live chat feature at [www.CCCregister.com](http://www.CCCregister.com) or by calling 888-316-9085.

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## Hoyle Auto Salvage

Situated along the winding Clarksville Road, family-run Hoyle's Auto Salvage has been serving the community since 1994, when Jimmy Hoyle received his first tow truck and began towing cars for the state police.

Jimmy and his father loved collectible cars and would bring their finds home and keep them on the vast Hoyle property. As Jimmy grew older he began to have a keen interest in owning a tow truck. When he turned 16, his parents bought him one and he quickly put it to good use and began towing cars for the state police. The towing business would eventually evolve into bigger and better things and in 2009, the salvage yard was officially born.

Family-run by Jimmy and his parents, with a little help from Jimmy's nine-year old son (who loves helping on Saturdays and during the summer!), the business continues to grow. In addition to selling parts locally, they also have a thriving online parts business, shipping parts all over the world to wherever they are needed – or as Jimmy says, "If you wanted a part on Mars, I'd send it to Mars." The online side is handled mainly by Teri Hoyle, Jimmy's mother. Jimmy handles the yard, as well as fluid extraction and inventory for new vehicle arrivals.

Because of their increasing inventory, Hoyle's Auto Salvage expanded two years ago. Located right up their hill from their old entrance, they opened a new dis-

tribution center with a new building and office. The newest addition this year will be drive-on scales to weight the cars bought from customers.

People come to Hoyle's because it's a family business where they know they will be treated right and find reasonable prices. "People come back to us because we keep our prices low," said Teri "We also go the extra mile in finding our customers the parts they need. We'll find parts anywhere. If we don't have it, we'll find a place that does and get them shipped here. If the company won't ship, we'll direct the customer to the salvage yard where they can find the parts they need."

FMI, you can visit their website at hoylesautosalvage.com, email hoylesautosalvage@yahoo.com, give them a call at 724-833-4496, or visit them at 483 Clarksville Rd, Clarksville, PA.



Hoyle's new distribution center opened two years ago.



## Bedillion Honey Farm

When Mark & Sara Bedillion established Bedillion Honey Farm in 2004, they could never have imagined how the business would flourish. "We are first- and second-generation beekeepers, with our four children laboring along with us," Sara says. "We like to say that we keep the bees, and the bees keep us." They originally started with one hive in Hickory, PA with the goal of selling fresh homemade honey. Years later, they're now up to 1,000 beehives with over 20 hive locations in PA, WV, and OH.

In addition to their local honey, Bedillion Honey Farm also offers handmade beeswax candles, soaps, and a complete line of beekeeping equipment and supplies, including live honeybees. "We love when people come to check out our shop," Sara shares. "We offer an observation beehive at the shop. We like to tell people about what we do, and we help educate people about beekeeping." To learn more about Bedillion Farm and the bees they care for, visit their shop in Hickory, PA, or their website at [www.bedillionhoneyfarm.com](http://www.bedillionhoneyfarm.com).

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## Gatrell Business Solutions

If you are starting a new business or have been in business for years, Gatrell Business Solutions is ready to help you. Owner Julie Gatrell has worked in accounting for over 25 years, with a special focus on businesses. Her expertise allows Gatrell Business Solutions to offer a wide variety of accounting services to individuals and businesses.

"Each business is unique," Julie shares. "It's not one size fits all. I will tailor a system that works best for you and your business. We understand that you are good at your trade but usually don't

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Record keeping is one of the most critical but often neglected aspects of a business. Gatrell can maintain your books and records, and perform accounts receivable, accounts payable, billing, and set up a customized system that works for your business. Julie is also an IRS-certified Registered Tax Return preparer and Enrolled Agent.

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# Braden Run Animal Hospital

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Even though our practice is small and intimate, we offer many advanced procedures not even performed at larger, multiple doctor practices here and in the city. We offer advanced dentistry, diagnostic ultrasound, we have our own diagnostic laboratory, and we do cutting edge, innovative therapies such as stem cell therapy and platelet rich plasma (PRP). Stem cell therapy and PRP have historically been used to treat degenerative arthritis, but as more research is conducted, new uses for these therapies are found all the time! Stem cell therapy has been used to treat liver and kidney disease, diabetes, even allergies. We are offering to harvest tissue at the time of spays and neuters and sending the stem cells to be stored at a cryobank in Lexington, Kentucky. When and if your pet ever needs treatment for any reason, he can still have his puppy stem cells. It’s kind of like storing cord blood in infants. Our very own 13-year-old rescue cat Deuteronomy, who is also a hind limb amputee, was recently treated with PRP for his chronic inflammatory bowel disease, and for some arthritis in his remaining hind leg. For the first time in his life, after exhaustive diagnostics and treatments, Deuteronomy is diarrhea free, and running around like a kitten again.

Recently, in an article shared here in GreeneScene Community Magazine, Dr.

McMillen partnered with Mr. Rastoka of Carmichaels High School about a puppy with a broken leg. Based on a splint we had for the opposite leg, Mr. Rastoka was able to make a mirror image of the splint with his CAD 3D printer at the school, and mold it to fit the puppy perfectly. Angel was just in the clinic for a visit yesterday to say hi and is growing like a weed. A perfectly healthy, all healed puppy! We look forward to sharing her life with her, her Mom, and her sister Ginger Bella.

Even though Dr. McMillen has scaled back on treating large animals and exotics, she is still willing to offer any assistance she can if people can bring their animals in to the clinic. We are ready, willing and able to see your pets if you can get them here.

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## Community Foundation of Greene County

Help is an amazing thing. It is something we all need from time to time, and something we can also give. Whether you are in the position to help others or know someone that could benefit from additional assistance, grants or a scholarship, one thing remains certain... there is no such thing as too much good will.

The Community Foundation of Greene County is a prime example of providing help to our population, through their assistance with the allocation of grants and funds to foundations within the community. Bettie Stammerjohn, executive director, speaks proudly of the many benefactors and beneficiaries affiliated with the foundation.

"We offer members of our community the opportunity to be philanthropists. We distribute grants and funds that community members have established to non-profit organizations including, Blueprints, Humane Society, local churches and individuals. A person may start a scholarship or grant to

help local high school seniors enroll in specific areas of study?"

There is also the opportunity to be part of a cause. Choosing to ask for donations in lieu of flowers for the death of a loved one is one example. Another is to make individual donations towards a foundation, grant or scholarship that you favor and help a greater cause. There is much more information on how to get involved available on the Community Foundation of Greene County at Facebook and on the website [www.cfgcpa.org](http://www.cfgcpa.org). You may reach them by phone (724)-627-2010. Help your community make the world a better place to be right now!



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When Tim started his business in 1993, he envisioned a company that was more than just painting. He wanted to create an experience and help transform people's homes and businesses. A seamless and frustration free process that Tim and his dedicated staff are more than happy to share with you each step of the way.

Prompt Quality Painting is proud to be a company of innovation, leading the way into the future, and striving to adapt and transform the company's techniques to meet the needs of a changing world.

"When we say, 'more than just painting,' we mean just that," Tim says. "Our

services include painting, remodeling, dry-wall finishing, decorating, fire/water damage restoration, and historical restoration. We can help you with almost any home improvement project you need!"

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## Voices for Independence/Transitional Paths to Independent Living



*The accessible fitness center in Erie, which TRPIL/VFI are working to replicate in Washington.*



*The new program and community center building in Washington.*

**V**oices for Independence (VFI) & Transitional Paths to Independent Living (TRPIL) are now serving individuals with disabilities in Southwest PA in more ways than ever before. VFI & TRPIL are 2 of 17 Centers for Independent Living (CIL) statewide, and became affiliated in 2019. Both entities have been serving Pennsylvanians with disabilities for approximately 30 years. While TRPIL still provides five core CIL services (information & referral, advocacy, peer support, independent living skills training, and transition services) to the area, VFI is now offering in-home health care, home modifications, and more. With all of these services combined, the affiliation between VFI & TRPIL is a prime example of the whole being greater than

the sum of its parts.

VFI & TRPIL are committed to working together for the benefit of the community, and continuing to be the #1 resource for all disability-related issues in Western PA. Shona Eakin, the CEO of both VFI & TRPIL, was mentored by former TRPIL CEO, Kathleen Kleinmann. Growing up in Southwestern PA as a young woman with a disability, Shona first began her career at TRPIL, living the mission of empowering people with disabilities and promoting independent living. Shona then eventually moved north to Erie, and helped build VFI into the consumer-focused CIL it is today. When Kathleen began planning her retirement, she asked Shona if she would like to lead TRPIL as well, and so an affiliation between VFI & TRPIL was born.

Together, both parties now serve a total of 27 counties across Western Pennsylvania. With the growth of their service area, it is a mutual goal of both VFI & TRPIL to reach more and more people in the community, serving them in the best ways possible. Moving forward, VFI is looking to establish more opportunities in Southwestern PA, replicating programs and events that are held regu-

larly in the Erie office. Some of these activities include cooking classes, craft classes, movie days, social events hosting live local music, and adaptive fitness. In addition to a large accessible kitchen, VFI also hosts a fully accessible fitness center at their headquarters in Erie, and is looking to expand upon the accessible fitness options currently provided by TRPIL, at their former location of 69 East Beau St, in Washington.

TRPIL continues to move forward with Phase II of their Capital Campaign, raising money for the new program & community center, located at 42 West Maiden Street in Washington, with the goal of restoring the former YWCA building's historic auditorium and creating an accessible fitness center, accessible kitchen, and needed office space. Upon completion of the Capital Campaign, these renovations will help shape the Washington office into a location that will become home to exciting new services and events, as noted above.

For more information on what Voices for Independence or TRPIL can do for you, call 724-223-5115 or visit [www.vficil.org](http://www.vficil.org) and [www.trpil.com](http://www.trpil.com).



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**E**at Smart, Move More, Weigh Less (ESMMWL) is an online weight management program offered through the Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging (SWPA AAA) Health & Wellness program. The goal of this 15-week online program is not only weight loss and activity; it is also to learn about mindful eating and nutrition, about being conscious of what you put on your plate and in your body.

Research shows if we take the time to live mindfully, we can be healthier and happier as a result. Eating mindfully can include the following:

- Make meals an “event,” even an informal one. If you are eating, don’t engage in other activities. Simply have your breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack!

- Appreciate and enjoy your food! What are you eating? How does it look, taste, and feel? By actually acknowledging our food, we become more aware of what we eat and can make better decisions. (<https://www.thecenterformindfuleating.org/research>)

Developed by professionals from North Carolina State University and the NC Division of Public Health, ESMMWL is based on the theory of planned behavior. It is an on-

line weight management program that uses strategies proven to work for weight loss and maintenance. Each lesson informs, empowers and motivates participants to live mindfully as they make choices about eating and physical activity.

ESMMWL is delivered in an interactive real-time online format with a live instructor. Classes begin soon. There is no cost for those age 60+ who live in Fayette, Greene, or Washington Counties. For more information, or to register, please call the SWPA AAA at 724-489-8080, ext. 4433 or email [ryouger@swpa-aaa.org](mailto:ryouger@swpa-aaa.org)

**Get Informed, Empowered and Motivated!** To try recipes offered by Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less visit <https://esmmweighless.com/recipes/>. Here’s an example:

#### MUFFIN PAN VEGETABLE QUICHE

- 5 eggs
- 3 egg whites
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup fresh spinach
- 1 cup 1% or skim milk
- ¼ cup shredded cheese
- ¼ cup sliced scallions (optional)

#### Directions

1. Position a rack in the center of the oven; preheat to 325 degrees. Coat a nonstick muffin tin generously with cooking spray or line with foil baking cups.
2. Whisk eggs, egg whites, and milk in a medium bowl. Divide egg mixture evenly among the prepared muffin cups. Sprinkle the vegetables and cheese into each cup.
3. Bake until the tops are just beginning to brown, 25 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes. Flip the quiches out of pan and let cool completely.

*Tip: Can use any preferred vegetable combination. Try red peppers, broccoli, or tomatoes.*

#### Nutrition Information:

Serves: 12  
Serving Size: 2 quiches  
Using skim milk - Calories: 121; Total Fat: 5g; Saturated Fat: 2g; Cholesterol: 160 mg; Sodium: 189 mg; Potassium: 162 mg; Total Carbohydrate: 4g; Dietary Fiber: 1 g; Sugar: 3g; Protein: 14g.



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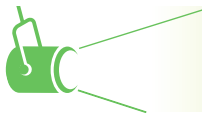
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### HEARING LOSS AND DEMENTIA LINKED IN STUDY

Seniors with hearing loss are significantly more likely to develop dementia over time than those who retain their hearing, a study by Johns Hopkins and National Institute on Aging researchers suggests. The findings, the researchers say, could lead to new ways to combat dementia, a condition that affects millions of people worldwide and carries heavy societal burdens.

Although the reason for the link between the two conditions is unknown, the investigators suggest that a common pathology may underlie both or that the strain of decoding sounds over the years may overwhelm the brains of people with hearing loss, leaving them more vulnerable to dementia. They also speculate that hearing loss could lead to dementia by making individuals more socially isolated, a known risk factor for dementia and other cognitive disorders.

Whatever the cause, the scientists report, their finding may offer a starting point for interventions — even as simple as hearing aids — that could delay or prevent dementia by improving patients' hearing. "Researchers have looked at what affects hearing loss, but few have looked at how hearing loss affects cognitive brain function," says study leader Frank Lin, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. "There hasn't been much crosstalk between otologists and geriatricians, so it's been unclear whether hearing loss and dementia are related."

To make the connection, Lin and his colleagues used data from the Baltimore Longitudinal Study on Aging (BLSA).

The BLSA, initiated by the National Institute on Aging in 1958, has tracked various

health factors in thousands of men and women over decades.

The new study, published in the February Archives of Neurology, focused on 639 people whose hearing and cognitive abilities were tested as part of the BLSA between 1990 and 1994. While about a quarter of the volunteers had some hearing loss at the start of the study, none had dementia.

These volunteers were then closely followed with repeat examinations every one to two years, and by 2008, 58 of them had developed dementia. The researchers found that study participants with hearing loss at the beginning of the study were significantly more likely to develop dementia by the end. Compared with volunteers with normal hearing, those with mild, moderate, and severe hearing loss had twofold, threefold, and fivefold, respectively, the risk of developing dementia over time. The more hearing loss they had, the higher their likelihood of developing the memory-robbing disease.

Even after the researchers took into account other factors that are associated with risk of dementia, including diabetes, high blood pressure, age, sex and race, Lin explains, hearing loss and dementia were still strongly connected. "A lot of people ignore hearing loss because it's such a slow and insidious process as we age," Lin says. "Even if people feel as if they are not affected, we're showing that it may well be a more serious problem."

*The research was supported by the intramural research program of the National Institute on Aging.*



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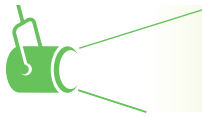
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## Touch A Truck

As the world moves forward, still dealing with the issues the pandemic has brought, First Baptist Church felt the community needed a little joy and cheer. Their annual Touch-A-Truck will be bringing happiness to children (and adults) again this year on September 25. The event will allow children to get up close and personal with many types of vehicles, especially those of first responders.

"With the vaccination rollout in place, and with the continued mask wearing precautions, I am thrilled that we will be able to serve the community again with this fun-filled event in a safe manner," organizer Dawn Mankey shares. "The community's support in the past gave children not only a truck to touch, but also a t-shirt, a meal, fun games, sweet treats, and a vision of a possible future career."

Everyone that attends the event will get a free lunch. EQT has stocked the Corner Cupboard Food Bank truck with ice cream for the children, Community Action will provide snow cones, 18 Karat will be handing out candy, and Cornerstone Care will bring their mobile dental unit. Other groups will be giving out goodies and prizes throughout the day. This year, the event will close with worship and music in the park beside the church and all are welcome to stay.

Touch-A-Truck was born in 2011 when Pastor Pierce wanted to provide a fun, free event for families. During that first year, 109 children attended the event. The event continued to grow and by 2017, they had more than 1,000 children attend, with more than 2000 people total.

This year should have been the tenth anniversary of Touch-A-Truck, but due to the cancellation of last year's event and the restrictions and uncertainty of this year, the event planners decided to tag it the "9 1/2" anniversary."

Dawn, along with the help of the First Baptist Church's Educational Board, organizes the

event, "but it takes a village to run it!" Dawn adds, "We have several of our congregation that assist with the event, and after many years of helping, know just what they need to do to make the event a success. There are also several people and groups in the community that help in many ways."

Many local businesses bring their vehicles to the event while others provide support in different ways. Ed Koneski (Hartman & Hartman) and Dave Hapchuk (Hapchuk, Inc) shared the idea to have outside sponsors help fund the event to provide more t-shirts, feed attendees, and have fun stations and prizes. Many area businesses hopped onboard. Current sponsors include

Hartman & Hartman, Hapchuk, Inc, 18 Karat, First Federal S&L, Jay D Enterprises, Hayden Excavating, Fox Ford, Direct Results/GreeneScene Magazine, Ten Mile Paving, KSW Oilfield Rental, Statler Billboards, Benmati Water Service, Oil and Gas Safety Supply, Washington Financial Bank, Hoy's Ready Mix, Norge Village, Raymont Construction, Hopkins Store, VFW, and Pam Snyder.

"Pam at Direct Results has been there from the beginning, making t-shirts and we add new ideas every year. Her passion and dedication to the event, along with all the designers at Direct Results, give Touch-A-Truck its fun friendly look," Dawn says.

"The children love touching the vehicles that are normally off-limits. And it's not only the children that love it. Whole families enjoy feeling the love of community. So many people and businesses volunteer their time on a Saturday and money to give back to community."

Come out and enjoy the 9 1/2 year Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, September 25 from 11am - 2pm. FMI or to sponsor call Dawn Mankey 724-833-1355 or email dawn.mankey@fbcwaynesburg.org



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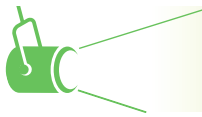
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Specialty Herbal Products' motto is "getting back to the roots of healing." Owner Brian King, a registered, practicing pharmacist, started the business in his home 29 years ago, before moving it to uptown High Street, and then eventually to its current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

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

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

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

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Specialty Herbal Products was on the forefront in the COVID-19 pandemic fight, providing numerous vitamins and immune stimulant supplements. As their name implies, "Specialty Herbal Products" are their expertise, and immune enhancing herbal products are some of the most effective immune products in the world. Brian also agrees with the FLCCC protocol for Covid-19 prevention, which includes Vitamin D3, Vitamin C, Zinc, Quercetin, and Melatonin. If you want sound advice and quality supplements you can trust, stop in and talk to the helpful, knowledgeable staff at Specialty Herbal Products.



Brian and the product that started his interest in natural products—echinacea.



L-R: Roberta King, Tamara Cerra, Brian and Lee Ann King, Barbara Dickey, Beth Frye.

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The 380-acre farm, built in 1892, is home to more than 50 horses and donkeys, as well as cattle, cats, a dog, and Darlene and Kevin Moore,

the farm's owners. Darlene received her first horse at age 7; that gift sparked a life-long passion for animals, and in 1982 she opened Save A Horse Stable to care for those needing it.

Save A Horse is a sustainable non-profit, but still needs donations in addition to the grants and fundraising to assist in the costs of running a rescue. Their annual open house allows guests to visit the farm and horses, as well enjoy other activities. FMI, visit [saveahorsestable.com](http://saveahorsestable.com) or find them on Facebook.

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## University of Pittsburgh

The Healthy Families Survey focuses on how families in Greene, Fayette, and Washington counties are doing during this challenging time to help inform community action. We have partnered with school districts, early learning centers, food banks, human and social services agencies such as the United Way and Salvation Army, and other community organizations to help support families.

We are grateful to hear from local families about their experiences with education, food, housing, transportation, employment, and health. Many families have reported financial challenges, with most (62%) parents reporting a job or income loss due to COVID-19 and 41% reporting that they were worried about having enough food to last the month. Free school lunches and food banks offer important resources for all families.

Many families reported unmet health needs for both parents and their children, with the greatest needs being dental care and emotional and mental health support. However, almost half of families expressed difficulties with transportation to medical care or other services. With our partners, we are working together to address these challenges, including identifying existing resources and summarizing results to help inform decision-making. Please participate and let us know your experiences as your child returns to school this fall!



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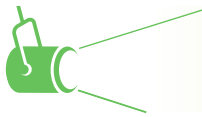
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## Kathryn's Victorian Venue

If you've ever wished to step into the satin shoes of the high-class members of the Victorian Era for an afternoon tea or classy dinner with friends and loved ones, a trip to East High Street's newest venue could be just what you need. Those times may be far in the past, but the charm and elegance of exclusive parties spent chatting over decorated tea cups and delicious finger foods has been preserved in the enchanting Kathryn's Victorian Venue.

Located at the back of The Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bee's, this 1920s home has undergone a complete makeover that has enhanced its original beauty. Every square foot of the three event rooms and commercial kitchen has been upgraded or refurbished including stained glass windows, antique wall sconces, newly painted walls, and a stunning refurbished antique chandelier hanging in the foyer to welcome its guests. Each dining room proves unique in atmosphere and style yet all three remain similar in the attention to detail in decor and design.

*"Spectacular! The food was amazing, the tea wonderful, the venue was just lovely!"* raved a recent guest to the tea party

room, which comes with a selection of lavish hats to wear while sipping from your choice of designed tea cups.

While the tea party room of the venue is certainly a popular choice for its distinctness, the two other dining rooms are just as charming for special occasions such as weddings, rehearsal dinners, baby showers, bridal showers, birthdays, anniversaries, holiday parties, and corporate events. The venue can comfortably host 50 guests inside and an additional outdoor option is planned for the future that will allow up to 40 guests. The outside space will have a covered patio and cleanly landscaped yard for weddings and parties.

Named after the owner's niece, the house itself is only part of what makes every experience at Kathryn's a wonderful one; the rest lies

in the staff's willingness and determination to bring any of their guests' dreams to life.

"Anything you can imagine, we can create in this space," Cathy VanNosdell, Kathryn's event coordinator, proudly states about the venue. Whether it's a birthday party with colorful balloon arches and customized cupcakes or a romantic candle-lit anniversary dinner, those behind the scenes at Kathryn's are ready to make it a day to remember.

*"Loved it! From her little dress, to the tuxedo covered strawberries!"* commented a birthday tea party attendee on Kathryn's Face-

book page. Tuxedo covered strawberries are just one of the endless customizable options available thanks to Kathryn's list of preferred vendors. This list includes photographers, videographers, caterers, florists and any other service needed to make any event one of a kind. For children's parties, it is also a possibility to have a "real life" princess or character make an appearance.

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