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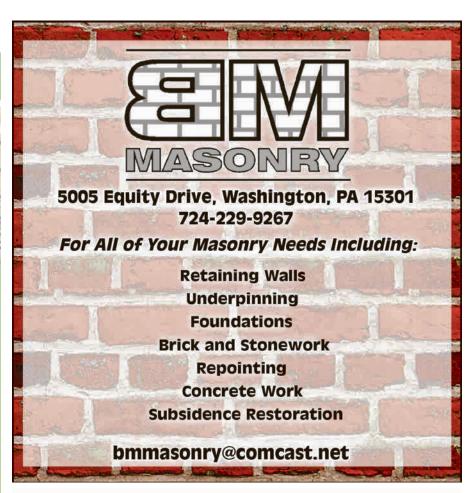
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Inside this issue, you'll find stories and pictures highlighting history, growth and simply the unique brand of personal service we enjoy as consumers and residents of this community. Learn about our local businesses, how it all started & what it took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

# **Business Spotlight Trivia**

- 1. What business is now in its 21st season of performing?
- 2. What program encourages seniors age 55 or older to make a difference in the lives of others?
- 3. What business has served Greene County since 1924?
- 4. What business has the motto "Getting back to the roots of healing"?
- 5. What business does Jonathan Hitz manage?
- 6. Who runs his business with wife Melissa?
- 7. Whose mission is it to "provide shelter, safety, and care for abandoned animals"?
- 8. What store is opening this March in Waynesburg?
- 9. What six-week gardening course is open to the community to learn about gardening?
- 10. What community builder and leadership course will teach how to educate, collaborate, serve, and exemplify?



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Send your answers to: GreeneScene Contest

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Deadline to Enter: March 13, 2023

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

# I Love this Place-

toney Point is where State Route 188 takes a deep breath before dropping around rocky ledges to Ten Mile Creek as it meanders to Jefferson. Turn at Stoney Point then take Reservoir Hill Road across Browns Run and up the hill. Mather, the old coal town that time forgot, sits on a flat stretch of land that suddenly appears, complete with signage to greet you. Welcome to Mather!

Look at the Greene County map and you'll see Mather is across Ten Mile Creek from the Colonial town of Jefferson. But geographically and culturally speaking, these two little towns are worlds apart.

This is where Picklands-Mather of Cincinnati, Ohio opened a mine called Mather Collieries in 1917 and began building a town to go with it. Mather would have tidy one and two-story single-family homes with indoor plumbing on paved, tree-lined streets, a model for its day. With yards big enough for kids and gardens, and monthly prizes for the best-kept yards, the neighborhood was a far cry from the old mining camps and duplex houses crowded side by side in other coal patch towns.

There was a six-sided gazebo, aka the Liars Den, in the town square, with the church, post office, recreation building, theater, drug store, furniture store, barbershop, ice cream parlor and Hamilton Supply Company Store tucked in around it. The doctor lived on bosses row in the biggest house and attended to the miners and the many children who would be born in Mather.

As the roaring 20s kick-started the modern era, this was a great place to live and work. Mather's mining operations were up to the standards of the day, safety-wise, and the seasoned, dependable workers knew from hard experience how dangerous methane laced bituminous coal can be.

That danger became a horrific reality on May 19, 1928, just as shifts were changing, on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

When the first muffled explosion was heard at 4:04 pm, followed a minute later by a much larger blast that combusted methane and coal dust into an inferno, there were 211 miners in the North Section shaft, 350 feet underground.

Within hours, the recreation building became a morgue.





The last survivor was rescued at 3 a.m. Sunday morning, but it wouldn't be until the following Thursday that rescue teams brought the last body to the surface from surrounding mines. Of the 211 men caught up in the explosion, only 37 survived. And each had a harrowing tale to tell.

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster that claimed a quarter of the fathers and sons of Mather, Hamilton Supply Company Store and the Red Cross gave food and clothing to grieving families and men and women from Waynesburg College came to help at the morgue. Picklands-Mather advanced payday by a week and cut red tape to get insurance settlements - \$4000 per death - out in 10 days. Thanks to the new workman's compensation amendment passed in 1927, widows were compensated between \$10 and \$15 a week, depending on children, for 300 weeks. Orphans' benefits of \$7.50 a week were extended beyond 300 weeks if the child was under age.

Within months, Mather Collieries reopened, regional miners filled every shift and all the survivors but one went

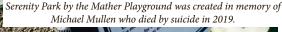
back underground. The recommendations of the state safety report would lead to legislation for the "compulsory rock-dusting of the gaseous or dry bituminous coalmines within the Commonwealth...of such a standard that the flame from ignition of gas or other sources will be localized or confined to the immediate vicinity where ignition occurs."

The depression years of the 1930s brought more empowerment to mine workers. The Roosevelt Administration's New Deal, section 7a brought the National Industrial Recovery Act that guaranteed workers the right to "organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing."

After a mass meeting in the center of town that attracted 3,800 determined miners, Mather established a UMWA local chapter on June 30, 1934. Union miners now worked a seven-hour day, five days a week, with a minimum wage of five dollars a day.

In 1944, Picklands-Mather sold its houses and street maintenance became the responsibility of Morgan Township.







Mather Collieries continued to mine coal, built new houses on 7th street, and more workers moved in. By 1947, Mather had taken over the water supply and added a road tax. The post-World War II era had arrived.

"Some of the original old maple trees are still standing," Audrey Fiske Duke, 91, told me when I stopped by her home on Second Street to hear about her lifetime of living here. When her family moved into a newly built house on 7th Street in 1946, she was 14 and ready to put down roots.

"My dad was a coal miner all his life. We moved around a lot. He came here to work and I've been here ever since."

Love came for Audrey Fisk when she was 16 and on her way to the post office. Donald Duke was home on leave and hanging out at the Liars Den. When Audrey walked by, "He followed me into the post office and I told him I'm 16 and 'I'd sure like to learn how to drive.' And he taught me!"

They married in 1950 as Don was drafted into the Korean War effort. The newlyweds spent years living between Mather and Ft. Bragg NC as three sons were added to the family. Daughter Susan Dains was just a few months old when the Dukes returned to Mather and bought their forever home on 2nd Street in 1963.

Picklands-Mathers closed the mine in 1964 with little notice but not without reason — Pittsburgh seam coal did not suit the standards at their new coke plants. That put 360 men out of work. But there were jobs available in nearby mines and other careers to pursue. Most families would stay because Mather was by now their hometown.

Susan remembers going to grade school here. "The school was down where Serenity Park is now, next to the playground by the gazebo. This was a great place to grow up. We were always outside up to something."

Audrey's stash of family photos includes her boys as leggy teens, painting the Liars Den on a sunny summer day.

It was a beautiful Mather Sunday as we walked along 2nd street to the corner where Don Duke's Veteran's flag hangs. Valery stepped into the grass, turned with a smile and put her arm around the pole. A massive maple reached for the sky behind her. A couple of neighbor kids stopped to watch. To her left was the post office where she first met Don, by the crossroads in the center of town. Turn left at the crossroads and you're heading up the patch to 7th street. Go right and you'll come to 1st street where an overgrown chain-link fence corrals the old mine bathhouse. Behind it, a wall of grassy earth swoops up, flattens out, and stretches along the horizon. It's the reclaimed Mather gob pile that loomed for years above the mine and the town - three million tons of hazardous waste, covering 67 acres. For years, its highly acidic runoff ran directly into Ten Mile Creek, killing fish and other aquatic life and carrying toxins to the Monongahela River.

It was considered "the biggest single polluting factor in the single biggest watershed in Greene County."

It would take funds from the federally managed Rural Abandoned Mine Project to do the eventual clean up that began in 1986.

I drove through town one last time to enjoy the many neighborly touches today's Mather has going for it: the Mather Pantry that neighbors keep stocked for those who might be hungry, the level streets where kids roll their wheels, the big park, its playgrounds filled today with happy, noisy kids. With street housing numbers running into the 800s, Mather is a sizable town. I've missed bosses row to see the doctor's big house Audrey told me about, but I found Serenity Park, dreamed into existence by Michael Mullen's mom as a place to take time

to find peace

Standing in the warm sunlight, I soaked in the pattern of the painted path before me and the joyful sound of children playing.

Hello Mather! Glad to finally meet you.





# GreeneScene of the Past By Colleen Nelson

sk any kid who grew up Mather: still sits in the center of town? and they'll tell you no lies. It's the Liars Den, a six-pillared edifice of relaxation, rumination, spicy jokes and sports talk, the forever home of hometown memories, tall tales and the Saturday evening concerts, back in the day when the town had its own band.

This photo, taken by Tara Kinsell for her 2010 Observer Reporter story "Truth's out about Liar's Den" shows the original gazebo, as it was reaching the end of the line after over 80 years of constant use, abuse, repaintings and repairs.

The cutline of the photo notes that the red, white and star-spangled paint job was done in 2002 when the Mather Mine Memorial was ded-

icated to the 194 men who died in the explosion of May 19, 1928.

By 2017, the old den had been dismantled and a new one put up in the same spot to keep the spirit of Mather's coal mining past alive. One of the old poles stands in the center, a totem to the tall tales and words of wisdom that were once spoken here.

This was the place hard working miners met before and after shifts, to brag, commiserate and keep an account of the dangerous conditions they lived with every day. No kids — or wives — were invited to share in these confabs that mixed observation with experience, gossip with innuendo, common sense and rowdy humor. Boys to men grew up wondering what was going on there, then followed their dads and big brothers into the mine and found out.

When the names of the men who died that day were unveiled on the monument in 2002, there were still some old timers around who remembered the sound of the blast that shook the town. These days, there is no one left who heard it. But the gas and coal dust explosion and the terrible days that followed were documented as they happened by reporters who were there to cover the catastrophe that killed a quarter of the



men who lived in Mather.

Tony Bupka's book "Mather Mine Disaster" is a collection of every published word.

It was here at the gazebo, only a block away from the mine entrance, that women and children gathered, waiting for news of their husbands and sons still missing in the mine and reporters caught their raw pain and turned it into written history.

Mather resident William Litten posted on the Mather Facebook page, "Tony grew up at 627 six street. His dad died in that explosion."

Reason enough for his kid to grow up to gather every detail of this personal disaster and make sure it is not forgotten.

The book appears to be self-published, and there's no sign when it was released or any personal information about its author. Its preface thanks the newspaper publishers of all the articles for allowing their stories to be republished and includes the Commonwealth Report of the Department of Mines that led to new safety legislation. The words Tony adds seem to be his own memories in stoic detail, including reflections on fateful decisions that lead to either life or death for the men who either did or didn't take their shifts that day. Mike Mullen's alarm clock didn't go off. Joe Guidi told his father he had a strange feeling something was going

to happen. "He replaced his pit lamp and went home. They brought his father home in a coffin later." Black Steve took Saturday off to help his neighbor. The Mather baseball team came out early to play the Nemacolin Buckeyes. Outfielder Charles Haber went back for his tools and didn't make it. Tony Bupka notes, "There was a veil of strangeness that was reflected in some of the victims....it brings to contemplation that unfathomable puzzle which has perplexed human minds since history began. Is there an all powerful omniscient force that governs our lives?"

Jon Osso, who owns a copy of this rare book, made a PDF copy in 2013 and shared it with me as I wrote this story and with the Mather Facebook page. He also shared his own reflections on the mysterious nature of a fateful coincidence that resonates with him: "My great grandfather, great uncle and a cousin were killed in the explosion. My grandfather (Charles Madlock, Jr.) was 18 and had injured his foot in the mine the day before the explosion. His mother told him he should not go to work that day. ... Needless to say had he gone to work my mother would nave never been born and I wouldn't be here either."

The PDF copy of "Mather Mine Disaster" is available to read on Don Whoolery's Facebook page "You Were a Mather Kid if you remember...."

# SHINING HE LIGHT By Colleen Nelson



e're in the chapel at Waynesburg First Church of the Nazarene and Pastor Brian is holding the colorful clay vessel he keeps in his office along with his extensive collection of religious writings and spiritual tokens. Its broken pieces have been glued back together, each crack a visible part of the design. This is Kimtsukuroi - the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with lacquer, traditionally mixed with powdered gold. As a practice in mindfulness, it becomes a metaphor for embracing flaws and imperfections, for recognizing personal potential after going through tough times. For Pastor Brian, this is the heart of his ministry - "coming in broken and being put back together" - to put the world back together with love, one person, one mindful action at a time.

We've spent more than an hour in his office with guitars on the wall and comfy chairs to relax in, talking about, among many other things, his own path to wholeness. "Ten years ago, it really hit me. I found God to put me together, but it was so clear that it was my mess to deal with. God says I love you anyway. Give me the pieces."

After relocating his family — wife Kristen and four daughters, ages 11, 7 and 4 — from Dover, Delaware in July 2022, Pastor Brian was delighted to find his new church already out there mending some cracks in

the community at large. Youth Pastor Tim Meeks, a board member CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate children caught up in the court system), was using the church as a drop off point for CASA's winter coat drive and the youth group had a team in the nonprofit's annual dodge ball tournament fundraiser.

"CASA is
ministering the
way we can't,"
Pastor Brian
tells me. "That
doesn't mean
we can't help.

Churches need to be in the community, joining up with others and not worrying about taking credit. What if we stop caring about whose name is on it? We can always do more together. This is the spirit that's now taking hold. God said to Abraham, "And you shall be a blessing." How do we own that? To be a blessing to the community. We say God bless Greene County."

Pastor Brian points out he's been networking with other pastors and community leaders to build partnerships from now on. These open channels are there for outside groups like Neighbor 2 Neighbor when they come to Greene County to do Laundromat ministries and distribute goods and services. Growing a larger network of support for The Way is what is needed now, as the old IGA building in Waynesburg transforms into a state-of-the-art community center.

Pastor Brian flashes another high voltage smile. "That's the spirit that will put the world back together."

I've gotten a tour of the spacious interior of the church, a dream come true in 2007 when the congregation broke ground for a 22,000 square foot addition to the church on the hill above Deerfield Lane, Waynesburg. The high ceilinged Family Life Center auditorium has plenty of room for pick-up games, including pickle ball, one of the church's fast-



est growing open-to-the community activities. The courts are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

There's a pantry cupboard in the lobby for food donations and hallways and stairs lead to Sunday School classrooms and Here we Grow preschool that matches CGSD scheduling and is open to the public. Pastor Brian tells me he's hoping to have enough sponsors to airdrop 50,000 treat filled Easter eggs from a low-flying helicopter at Greene County Airport on April 8 when SOAR hosts its spring pancake breakfast. And yes, Pastor Tim and his youth ministry will have their team ready to take on all comers at CASA's third annual Dodge Ball Tournament at EQT

Center on April 29.

"There's always stuff going on. Last year, we hosted a community Christmas musical with kids from nine different churches. The Women's Choir Jubilations practices on Monday evenings. Anyone can join. We have Special Olympics cheering. Just call if you have something you want to do here. We always default to yes!"

Services at Waynesburg First Nazarene Church start at 10:45 and the Coffee Café is open in the Family Life Center.

For more information on upcoming events or to register for Here We Grow, call the church office during office hours 724-997-4673.

# Public Service Profile

### **BIRTHDAY GIFTS & BABY SHOWERS**

In 2021, Early Intervention Director Lauren Chambers received a call from her Fayette County counterpart regarding a child shared between the two counties Early Intervention programs. The Early Intervention Program provides developmental and educational services to Greene County children younger than three years old who have developmental delays. The supervisor had birthday gifts from the agency Beverly's Birthdays. The two met and transferred gifts, and Lauren was amazed to see what Beverly's Birthdays had provided.

Beverly's Birthdays provides birthday cheer for children experiencing homelessness and families in need. They've made it their mission to help meet the essential needs of the families they serve through celebration, recognition, and support. Through their birthday programming, our Beverly's Babies division, and The Greater Pittsburgh Infant Formula Bank, they are a resource for the tens of thousands of families in the Pittsburgh region.

Lauren reached out to Beverly's Birthdays and after a funding review (Beverly's is based in Westmoreland and hadn't spread down into Greene), they were approved for the Birthday Cheer program. Custom, curated Birthday Cheer Boxes include gifts, books, hygiene items, snacks, toys, plush, and more. All items are new and packed with cheer and love.

By the end of 2021, Greene was selected for community baby shower. The organization pulled up to the fairgrounds in a party bus and transformed the auction building into a beautiful baby shower

venue. The event was free to any families in the surrounding areas, including neighboring counties. The event supported 19 young families through the project. "I was blown away by the event these amazing ladies put on," Lauren said.

Greene County has been chosen again for the baby shower event, and this year's event will be held on March 8 at the fairgrounds. "We're looking forward to making it bigger and better with our community partners. One of the things that Greene County prides itself on is that we have a strong collaboration between our departments," Lauren said. "I would like to also thank Equitrans for their more than generous donation so that we can continue growing this partnership and making it even bigger and better."

Long-time partner Equitrans Midstream Corporation approached Beverly's Birthdays about how they could invest deeper into Greene County. Their contribution will allow Beverly's to support a pilot year of ensuring that children and families are supported on their birthdays. Their assistance will provide birthday presents to those children for the next year. "We want to be a good neighbor," said Amy Gonzalez, the senior community advisor at Equitrans. "We're committed to meaningful engagement and philanthropic partnership to improve the lives of individuals in the community where we live and work. We welcome the opportunity to work with additional organizations within the community and continue to be a good partner with Greene County.

The Free Community Baby Shower will be held on March 8 at the Greene County Fairgrounds from 11-12:30pm. If you are unable to attend the Waynesburg event, the same event will be held in Uniontown on April 14 at the Uniontown Mall from 11-12:30pm. Spaces are limited, and a reservation is required. Visit beverlysbirth-days.org to register or FMI.



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# Cool at School

urt Vonnegut said, "Science is magic that works." No truer words about science have ever been spoken. Human nature equips us with a desire to constantly learn and

seek answers, and as forever students in life, we all have the capability to be scientists. Learning and exploration is what is happening at Jefferson Morgan High School. Chemistry teacher Megan Pierce is encouraging students to explore and experiment in their newly formed Science Club.

When Megan was being interviewed for her position with the district, she spoke with administrators of her desire to start a science club and how, through this club, she is very hopeful that stigmas surrounding the "nerdiness" of science go away. While she teaches chemistry at the school, the club will focus on all areas of science.

Administrators were excited about the formation of the club and shortly after being hired, Superintendent Brandon Robinson came to Megan with an idea as to how the district would not only provide new equipment for the Chemistry Lab, but also funds for the Science Club.

Megan taught at Waynesburg Central High School for 14 years; she taught Integrated and Physical Science. While she loved teaching at her alma mater and in the community where she went to college (Waynesburg University) her heart has always been for chemistry. She spoke of a high school teacher George Nader: she said he was tough but knew there was something about her that was special when it came to science. She referred to him as her mentor. Her desire to teach chemistry has come to pass and she also now has an opportunity to reach other students, in class and out, explore the



Students in Grades PK-5 raised money to support the American Heart Association with Jump Rope for Heart. They raised \$5,191.69, with Mrs. Buchtan's 1st Grade class raising the most funds overall; top three students who raised the most money to support the cause: Abigail Lipscomb, Grade 1: \$273.19, Chloe Riggleman, Grade 5: \$250.87, and Kylo Nyland, Grade 1: \$200.



Congratulations goes out to the West Greene Rifle Team for its sixth place finish at the WPIAL Championships.

### **JEFFERSON MORGAN**

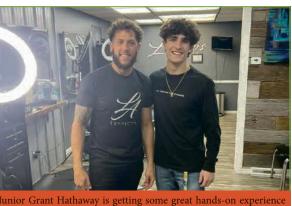
wonders of science via the club.

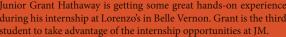
The club met for the first time in October 2022. While only five students attended, Megan understood the apprehension of students. Her first assignment for the five was to simply invite friends to the next meeting. In November, attendance doubled, and she believes that the trend of growing attendance will continue.

Each meeting explores a different avenue of science. So far, they have made "oobleck" (a non-Newtonian fluid), analyzed density and buoyancy by using candy corn and aluminum foil boats, tested catapults, and created crystals in order to make their own snow globes for Christmas. There are many more exciting experiments planned for the rest of the year. The group is also planning a couple of field trips, as well as hopefully having area scientists visit and share their experiences with the students.

As an educator Megan wants her students to make the connections between science and life, and through this opportunity she is doing a job well done! Megan reminds her students, "Science is involved in every aspect of our lives from the clothes we wear, vehicles we drive, technology we utilize daily, and the food we eat."









the 1,000 wins milestone. Only three schools have achieved this in PIAA wrestling history!



Second nine weeks Darlene Phillips Award Recipients (2022-23): 1st Grade, David Pesina; 2nd Grade, Chloe Williamson; 3rd Grade, Kara Parker; 4th Grade, Blake Barber; 5th Grade, Andrew Phillips; 6th Grade, Jorja Lowery.



This previous fall, students from the GCCTC Emergency Services classes, the WCHS Forensics class, & the WCHS Gifted/Enrichment Class worked with members of our staff and community to solve the fourth annual WCHS Mock Crime Scene. After their learning sessions, students worked in groups with Advanced CSI students from Waynesburg University to investigate the scene.

# Greene Artifacts By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### ARTIFACT PRESERVATION

dangered part of our historical re-✓ cord. Most "modern" cemeteries are often large, well-manicured landscapes, or are part of a large churchyard and kept in excellent repair for long periods of time. However, this is not the case with all cemeteries. In earlier years, specifically throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, and in Greene County specifically, most folks were buried in small plots somewhere on their farm. These are the cemeteries that are often easily forgotten. As families move on and land changes hands, these small family cemeteries can become overgrown, and as time passes, we sometimes lose them as woods regain their control of the natural habitat.

Headstones fall over with time, and leaves, as they fall, bury the fallen headstones and make them hard to find. This can make it an arduous task for researchers to uncover the final resting spots of local historical figures and ancestors. But, thankfully, there are resources to help uncover these abandoned resting places.

Cemetery Records completed by Dorothy Hennen and her husband James Hennen throughout the 1960s and 70s are an invaluable reference. This 12-volume set of books

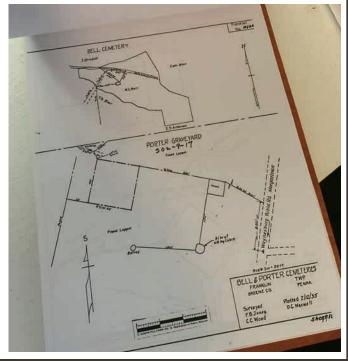
is available at Cornerstone Genealogical Society and contains records of nearly 700 cemeteries throughout Greene County. This is an extensive and valuable work, although it only reflects the cemeteries that the Hennen's located. Unfortunately, they missed a handful, and these were not properly identified. Sadly, some were completely lost to development and the progress of time.

second great reference, and perhaps the most

emeteries are an important and en- important (as well as a major reference used by the Hennens in their work), were surveys conducted by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) throughout the 1930s. Theses surveys documented the location of all veterans' burials throughout the county. Each survey locates the cemetery as it lies on the property upon which it is situated, shows its boundaries, and locates each veteran's burial within the plot. Even cemeteries without veterans' burials were surveyed and you can find a sheet for every located cemetery within the county. The surveys are arranged by township, and are available for view at Cornerstone Genealogical Society.

> I cannot understate the importance of these WPA surveys, especially when used with the Hennen Cemetery Records. They make locating cemeteries possible, though not always easy. With the proper amount of research, we can find them.

> People often ask us at the Greene County Historical Society the best method to locate a cemetery. These two sets of records are the best and often the only actual option, especially where other information is not easily available.



WANT MORE? VISIT THE Greene County Museum



# Going Greene

# A WHEELING INDUSTRY

unkard Creek has often been an important part in the history of Greene County: an essential waterway, a way to navigate, and a connection to the outside world. Follow Dunkard long enough and you'll reach the Monongahela River. Run it north to Pittsburgh and there you'll find the Ohio River. We could easily argue that the Ohio is one of the most important rivers in American history, second only to the mighty Mississippi, and there, in Pittsburgh, the Ohio forms from the confluence of the waters of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers. From Pittsburgh, one of the first major cities you'll come across on the Ohio is Wheeling, West Virginia.

Wheeling, an old town first settled in 1769 by Ebenezer Zane was originally called Zanesburg. Other families would

settle there as well, including the Wetzels, Shepherds, and Mc-Collochs. More folks would come to live in the area after the opening of the Northwest Territory, and it would become an important spot for those wishing to continue migrating westward. In 1793, Ebenezer Zane would divide his land into lots, and Wheeling was officially born.

The Ohio River was an extremely important part of Wheeling, allowing travel and easy access to Pittsburgh to the east and the Mississippi River to the west. Like all river towns, the Ohio was Wheeling's very lifeblood. As time passed, the Industrial Revolution added a layer of life to the region, and the Ohio River played an even more important role.

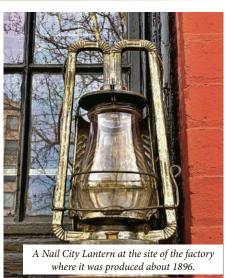
Throughout the 1860s and 70s, industry blossomed in Wheeling, mostly along the banks of the Ohio, and the town prospered. Many individuals found the opportunity to start a business and forged a successful path for themselves in the changing world of the late 19th century. One of these men was Archibald Woods Paull.

Paull was born in Wheeling on November 26,1845, the son of a prominent citizen and judge, James Paull. He received his early education at the Linsly Institute and later at Washington and Jefferson College, in Washington, PA, where he graduated in 1865. After he completed his schooling, A. W. Paull began working in the book and stationary industry in Wheeling. This pursuit did not suit him, so, in 1877, Paull would establish his own company in a different trade.

Nail City Lantern Company would be his business. Nail City was a common nickname for Wheeling, as one of the major industries was the manufacturing of cut nails. It was often said at the time that Wheeling was the "Cut Nail Capital of the World." When the company formed, it initially employed 20 individuals and produced primarily hand (common use) lanterns, railroad lanterns, tin capped Mason jars, and small incidental items. At that time, the company was at 1212 Main Street in Wheeling WV, in a small four-story brick building.

Business for Paull boomed, and the company expanded, adding more employees, and moving several times until 1892, when they would settle in their last location in Wheeling at





2106-2116 Water Street. The company would remain there until 1956. The 1890s were an exciting time for Nail City Lantern Company: they produced several new models of lanterns for the market, with an innovative design, easy to stamp and assemble, and a new mechanism to raise the globe. This would be called the "Crank Tubular Lantern," a popular item at the time and one of the most desirable lanterns to be found by collectors in modern times.

Joseph Bokanoski of Vernon, CT has been collecting Nail City items for over 10 years and has amassed one of the best collections of Nail City Lantern Company's products known in existence today. Joe's collection includes lanterns from all periods of the company's history, Mason jars, meat hooks manufactured by Nail City Lantern Company, marked crates and boxes, signs and catalogs, and many examples of the Crank Tubular Lantern. His collection and knowledge have been a tremendous source of reference.

Throughout the 19th century, the company prospered. In 1894, the name changed to Nail City Stamping, with Archibald W. Paull still president of the Company. On December 2, 1898, Paull passed from this life, and the company went to his son, Archibald Woods Paull II. The company's name changed to Wheeling Stamping Company, still housed in the same four-story brick structure on Water Street where it has been for the previous six years.

Lantern manufacturing changed, and simpler, more affordable yet still high-quality lanterns were created, and other tin stamped items were also regularly manufactured. During WWI, the company would make metal mess kits for soldiers on the front and may have possibly supplied our local troops that fought in WWI from Company K out of Waynesburg.

Still, the company would thrive under the leadership of Archibald W. Paull II, who would remain in control of the company for the rest of his life. His last significant act was



overseeing the 1956 move of the company from its location on Water Street in Wheeling to the former Packer Trucking Company Building in the Warwood area of Wheeling. Archibald W. Paull II passed on December 2, 1957, 59 years to the day after the death of his father. Wheeling Stamping survived for many more years, finally dissolving on September 4, 1990.

Products made by Wheeling Stamping, especially in its early form Nail City Lantern Company, are now highly collectable. Nail City lanterns can fetch large prices at auction and their early Mason jars are very desirable amongst collectors, and sadly there are not an abundance of these items to be found, even locally in the region where they were manufactured. But should you ever come across something marked NCL, WS or Wheeling Stamping, or even a Paull's Lantern made by Wheeling Stamping Company, know that you have found an important and interesting piece of our regional history.

### **Ribbon Cuttings in Greene**

Want to welcome new businesses to the area? Attend one of the upcoming Greene County Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremonies. All events take place at noon and refreshments will be available at each. Upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies: Friday, March 3- State Representative Bud Cook - 1640 East High Street (Subway Plaza, Tuesday, March 14 - Asher's at the Airport - Greene County Airport, Thursday, March 16 - Prompt Quality Painting Design Studio - 76 West High Street.

# **Chamber & Rotary Scholarships**

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications from graduating seniors for the 33rd Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship they will award this May in the amount of \$1,500. Also available is the application for two \$1,000 scholarships awarded by the Waynesburg Rotary Club.

The scholarship programs are open to any Greene County resident who will be a graduating high school senior in 2023.

The Chamber urges all high school seniors who have been accepted to a College or Technical School as an incoming freshman this fall to apply for these scholarship opportunities.

Applicants for the Chamber of Commerce scholarship will be required to write an essay and furnish a completed application and letter of acceptance. A minimum 3.0 GPA is also required. Applications are available to be printed directly from the Chamber website at www.greenechamber.

The Greene County Chamber of org or by emailing melody@greenechamber.org. The top scoring applicants may be interviewed by a panel of judges as part of the application process.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than Thursday, April 13, 2023. The winner will be announced in early May.

Applicants for the Rotary Club scholarship will also be required to write an essay and list community service experiences. A letter of recommendation is also required to be submitted with the application. Applications are due no later than April 13, 2023. Winners of these scholarships will be notified in early May. Applications are available to be printed directly from the Rotary Club website at www.rotaryclubofwaynesburg. org.

FMI, please contact the Chamber of-fice at 724-627-5926 or by email to melody@greenechamber.org .

# **Summer CSI Camp Opens Registration**

Waynesburg University's Department of Chemistry and Forensic Science will host its annual Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Camp Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16. Registration is open to high school students entering their junior and senior years or spring 2023 high school graduates.

CSI Camp provides students with a unique, hands-on look into the fields of forensic science and criminal justice. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in activities that include DNA profiling, crime scene processing, fingerprinting, surveillance and more.

"CSI Camp is a phenomenal opportunity for high school students who are interested in the forensic science and criminal justice fields," said Isaiah Skeete, admissions counselor. "During the camp, students will receive hands-on

experiences, attend

educational sessions and interact with some of the field's experts."

Camp registration is \$500, which includes activity materials, housing, instruction and meals. There is a non-refundable, \$100 deposit required for registration. To register, visit waynesburg.edu/csi-camp. Space is limited.

Students interested in attending can also apply for a scholarship to help cover the cost of registration. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is Monday, April 10.

A preliminary schedule of CSI Camp activities is available at waynesburg.edu/csi-camp.

FMI, contact Skeete at 724-852-3216 or Isaiah.skeete@waynesburg.edu.

# **Community Foundation Scholarships**

The Community Foundation of Greene County provides a number of post-secondary scholarships for deserving students to participate in education opportunities beyond high school. These scholarships have been established as permanently endowed funds by members of the Greene County community to benefit succeeding generations of residents – their way of giving back to the community.

A list of available scholarships can be found on cfgcpa.org. Applicants should very carefully read the guidelines for each scholarship (see list below) to determine if

they are eligible to apply for that scholarship, to learn about various requirements and documentation to be submitted, deadline dates, as well as where to submit the application. Scholarship applications and all required attachments – transcripts, FAFSA Student Aid Report, References, essays, etc. – must be submitted by 11:59 PM on April 3.

FMI about post-secondary scholarships at the Community Foundation of Greene County, please contact the foundation office at 724-627-2010 or email at cfgcpa@gmail.com.

### **Lions Club Serves Local Families**

The Waynesburg Lions Club served three local families that lost their home due to a fire at two houses on Elm Street on January 10. The Waynesburg Lions Club had a dinner for the families and presented a monetary donation. "We thank the District 1M Disaster Relief for matching our donation." Another family of three was unable to attend due to illness.







## 2023 Spring Gardening Seminar

The Penn State Master Gardeners of Greene County will be hosting an spring gardening seminar on March 18 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at the Greene County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building #10.

Workshops during the event will include:

- Spotted Lanternfly presented by Deborah Sands. Learn what to watch for and what to do when the Spotted Lanternfly comes to Greene County.
- To Bee or Not to Bee presented by Terri Laird. A brief introduction to the other world of pollinators.

• **Growing Great Garlic** presented by Tim Dixon. Learn about the origins of garlic and it's growth habits, how to grow garlic varieties in western PA. The cost is \$10/person. You can reg-

ister online at extension.psu.edu/spring-gardening-seminar or by phone at 877-345-0691. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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### **WU FACULTY IN YALE DOCUMENTARY**

Taynesburg University faculty member Dr. Abolade Ezekiel Olagoke, professor of sociology, will be featured in an upcoming documentary produced by Yale University.

His presentation titled "Orthodoxy and the Black Experience: Trauma Informed Community Development at St. Moses Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh," which he presented at Fordham University in March 2022, will be the focal point of the documentary.

Dr. Olagoke's paper presentation at Fordham University was part of Fordham's Orthodoxy and Human Rights Scholars Project, a five-year initiative launched in 2019 with a goal to generate a better understanding of the relationship between Orthodoxy and human rights in different geopolitical settings.

Shortly after his formal presentation with Fordham, Dr. Olagoke received communication from Dr. Michael Glerup, executive director for the Project on Religious Freedom and Society in Africa at Yale University, requesting to interview him as part of a short documentary on his presentation.

He was filmed and interviewed for the documentary on Waynesburg's campus in September. Details on when the documentary will be released have not yet been determined.

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# Happening in Greene

Photos below courtesy of Facebook or Instagram.



The Greene County Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member Farley's Hotel Cafe. Congratulations on your ribbon cutting and grand opening today!

Farley's is open on Fridays from 4pm to 8pm. Stop by for a hot brew or a cold cone! Follow Farley's on Facebook for specials and info.



Waynesburg University's Department of Fine Arts featured new instructor Sophia Park's artwork from Monday, Jan. 30, until Friday, Feb. 24. This particular exhibition featured five "wearable sculptures that constrict and impede body movement in various ways," according to Park. Follow the University and the Dept. of Fine Arts for other upcoming shows.



The Greene County Commissioners proclaimed February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Greene County. Pictured are Commissioner Betsy McClure, Commissioner Mike Belding, Petrina Supler with DVSSP, Cheryl McCready with DVSSP, and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman.



West Greene High School student, London Whipkey, hosted free cooking classes at the Corner Cupboard Food Bank in Waynesburg for her NHS service project. All the ingredients were provided. Please come support! London is pictured here with special guest, Mr. Armstrong. Follow the Corner Cupboard Food Bank on Facebook for more information.

Want to see your event featured afterwards in the GreeneScene? Submit your recent event at GreeneSceneMagazine.com as a news release, or email a picture and description to info@greenescenemagazine.com.

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The Greensboro VFD hosted a benefit spaghetti dinner in February to benefit GNTVFD Fireman Cain Namet, his son Jack, and their family. Follow them on Facebook for other upcoming events.



Nemacolin VFD hosted a fall/winter flea market over the months of October through February.



Eva K. Bowlby Library is holding a Tiny Art Contest for all ages and a writer's contest for children. Follow Bowlby Library on Facebook for more info on upcoming events.



The Greene County Historical Society Museum was recently featured on the *Kindred Spirits* season premiere on Travel Channel or on Discovery+ in January. Follow the Greene County Historical Society Museum on Facebook to see more about their upcoming events.



The Denny House held a Valentine's/ Galentine's Day event the Friday before Valentine's Day. The fun evening features, food, music by Steve Halow, drink specials, and flowers available for purchase. Follow The Denny House on Facebook to see more fun events open to the public!



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# ntentional Walks

By Bret Moore

ith basketball season upon us, I thought it would be interesting to discuss the birth of roundball in the county. At the turn of the last century, basketball was primarily a women's sport at Waynesburg College. The men concentrated on football and baseball. Mrs. Nettie Iams, whose husband had brought the game of football to the college, taught basketball to an eager audience of young women. Wearing stockings, bloomers to the knee, and blouses with sleeves below the elbow, these young women became extremely popular with local audiences. Well into the 1920s, they were usually part of a double header with their male counterparts.

The men got involved several years after the women started. In 1902 during Christmas break, some boys at the school thought there was too much of a layoff between the football and baseball seasons. The school had brought in Fred Hatch from Oberlin College to be the new "athletic coach". He was asked to start a men's basketball team and arranged to practice on the fourth floor of Miller Hall. The women played in the Armory. In 1904, Lloyd Pollock, Sam Iams, Frank Hoover, and Ross Burns decided to recruit some friends and find a manager to organize a team. Soon af-

ter, manager Chauncy Parkinson decided his team was ready for outside competition. He arranged a sleigh to take the team to Morgantown to play West Virginia University on a snowy January Saturday. The squad had only practiced on the old attic floor and was not prepared for the "glass-like playing surface" that awaited them at WVU. At times, the boys were afraid to move for fear of falling on the slick surface. The final score was 81-12. To make matters even worse, the following morning the snow had melted and the boys had to walk home.

The next year, a local newspaper recorded a game between the College and the Waynesburg Business College, which was located on High Street. The College team was victorious 28-6. The game consisted of two 15-minute halves. The attic of Miller Hall was nicknamed the "chicken coup" because chicken wire had been nailed to the rafters to keep the ball in play. Another trip was made to Morgantown that year with slightly better results. The team boarded a river boat at Rices Landing and played an afternoon game. The Mountaineers won again but by a more respectable 42-15 score. In another game, they defeated the Washington Scholastics 48-27. The Scholastics were W&J students, but the

school had not officially recognized the sport.

In 1908-09, Edward Martin became the school's athletic director and organized the team's first "official" schedule. That team defeated several local colleges including W&J (40-17) and Carnegie Tech (37-28), who was favored to win the unofficial Western Pennsylvania Championship. Their only loss was to Honus Wagner's professional traveling team from Pittsburgh. The starting line-up included forwards John Ross and J. Inghram Hook, guards Lloyd Pollock and Carl Biddle, and center Harvey Andrew. Hook would go on to become a venerable judge in the County for decades and Waynesburg High School's first basketball coach.

One other great story from the early days

happened in January of 1921. The team took a river boat to West Virginia to play Glenville and West Virginia Wesleyan. After the Saturday night game at Glenville, it began to snow and the river froze. The team was forced to trudge 12 miles on foot to Gilmore to catch a train to Buchannon for the Monday night contest against WVW. By 1923, the team had WVU, Duquesne, St. Bonaventure and the Naval Academy on the schedule.

Until the team found a permanent home at the college gym in 1943, they played their games at the Armory, Miller Hall, and even on a converted roller rink floor in the building that recently housed Hot Rod's Barbeque Restaurant.





**WAYNESBURG U. SPORTS SHORTS** 

# **WU VS. THIEL**

The Rudy Marisa Fieldhouse was the site for a thrilling basketball contest on January 18 — a conference matchup that saw the Waynesburg University Yellow Jackets take on the Thiel Tomcats. It was the first game with students back on campus for the new semester and they came out to support their team.

The first game between the two teams at Thiel saw the Tomcats win decisively 75-47. This was not the case the second time around. The first half was a back-and-forth battle with five lead changes that saw neither team get out to any big leads. The biggest lead in the first half was a Thiel lead of eight points. At the half it was 29-28 with Thiel leading. Beni Lavodrama had the most points for Thiel with eight points and Antone Baker had the most for Waynesburg and all scorers with ten.

After more back and forth to start the second half, Thiel would get momentum about halfway through, and led with 13 points. Waynesburg came roaring back, and tied up the game with a little under two minutes to go. They would ultimately go up two, after three Antone Baker free throws with just 16 seconds left. Thiel would not stay down

and, with a steal, tied the score at 59-59, sending it into overtime.

In overtime, Thiel built up a three-point lead. Jansen Knotts hit a three-point ball to make it 64-64 and sent the game into a second overtime. In the end, Waynesburg struggled in the second overtime, unable to make any shots except for free throws. Thiel won the game, with a 70-67 win over the Yellow Jackets. Elijah Harden led the way for the Tomcats, scoring 21 points and all but three in the second half and overtime periods. Another key contributor was Marlon Ellerbee, who scored the basket that sent it to the first overtime and the basket that made it a three-point game during the second overtime. Jansen Knotts and Antone Baker lead Waynesburg in scoring with both 19 points, and Baker had 16 rebounds to go along with it. Waynesburg fell to 4-12 overall on the season, making it even more difficult for a playoff run.

### **WU VS. BETHANY**

The Waynesburg University Yellow Jackets headed to battle against the Bethany Bison, their first game of this season without leading scorer Matt Popeck, in serious need of a win. The Jackets had previously beat the Bison when they played at Bethany by a score

of 76-61. With only one win this season, Bison sat at the bottom of the conference, so the Jackets had a chance to earn a win as they tried to work through the loss of 1,000-point scorer Popeck. This led to transfer student Trevon Ridley and freshman Scott Bilovus getting more minutes than usual.

The Jackets jumped to an early lead that they kept for most of the game. They got off to a 31-19 lead at the half, with Antone Baker leading the team with eight points. The second half was a completely different story. The Bison started the second half with seven unanswered points to decrease their deficit to only five points. They then timed the game up at 35, with 15 minutes left in the half. After that, both teams kept responding to each other until it was 39 all.

Waynesburg went on a run of their own, scoring eight unanswered points. Bethany didn't quit and knotted it up once again. They would take their first lead of the game with five minutes left to play, and it was a lead they did not give. The Jackets tied it up at 58 with

just 19 seconds left to play, but Troy Hixson of the Bison hit a three on the next possession to seal the win for the Bison with a final score of 61-58. Hixson was also the leading scorer for the Bison with 19 points, meanwhile Bak-

By Alex Hughes

er led the Jackets with 18 points.

In the end, the difference

maker ended up being the threepoint ball as the Bison caught fire in the second half, making eight three pointers which were the same amount of field goals they made in the first half. As for the Jackets, they did not make a single three in the second half, which led them to a loss and dropping to 4-13 on the season.

### J-M BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON RECAP TO DATE

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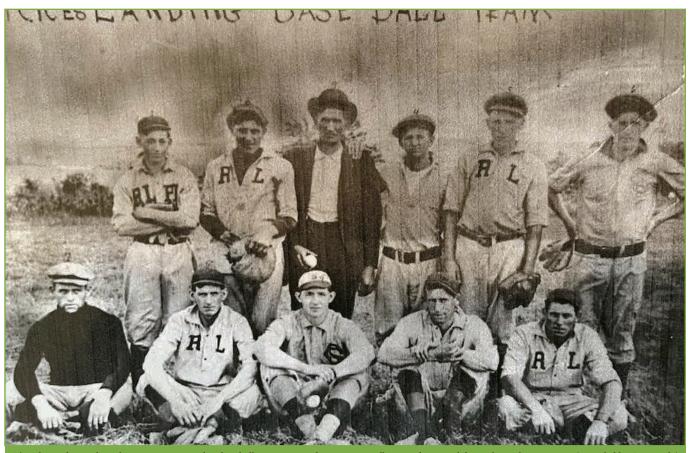
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This photo of an early 20th century Rices Landing baseball team is part of an amazing collection of memorabilia at the Lock 6 Museum. (Provided by George Bly)



Dominic Colarusso is the son of Vince Colarusso and Nikki McIntire and brother of Giana. He is a junior member of the basketball, baseball, and golf teams. His athletic accomplishments in 2022 included qualifying for the WPIAL golf finals and being named to the Lions Club "Coal Bowl" All-Tournament team. In school, he is a library aide, a member of the junior standing committee, National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Chess Club, ESports team, ski club, Leo Club, Spanish club, yearbook club, and participates at the Food Bank. He has a 4.5 GPA. In the summer, he plays for the Mon Valley Vipers baseball travel team and works as a day camp counselor for the County Recreation Department.



Sophia Zalar is the daughter of Robert and Marla Zalar. She is captain of the Mikes' basketball team and a member of the volleyball and softball teams. She is a highest honor student, captain of the Envirothon team, and a member of the senior standing committee, SADD, and National Honor Society. She has received numerous awards and achievements in her four years in basketball and last month became only the eighth Mike girl to reach 1000 points. Outside of school, she is a member of the Wildlife Leadership Academy, Governor's Youth Council, and Sir Issaac Walton League. She will be attending Penn State in the fall to major in Veterinary/ Biomedical Science with the aspiration of becoming a Wildlife Veterinarian.



Rocco Welsh is the son of Denny and Natalie Welsh. He is a four-year letterman and captain of the wrestling team. Rocco's wrestling accomplishments include; Ranked #1 wrestler in the US at 170lbs by Flowrestling, 2x Ironman Champion, Powerade Champion, Super 32 Champion, WPIAL Champion, three- time PIAA State Finalist, and a 2022 PIAA State Champion, Rocco is also a 3x Fargo All-American and won Junior Pan Am Gold in Cali, Colombia at the Junior Pan American Games. After graduation Rocco will be attending the Ohio State University, where he will wrestle and major in business.



Emma Kindervater is the daughter of Melissa and Eric Kindervater of Waynesburg. She is a three-year letter winner on the Raiders basketball team. Emma has also achieved highest honors in school and maintains a 4.0 GPA. She is also a member of the ski club, Alpha Beta, student counsel and the Future Business Leaders of America. In her spare time, she enjoys attending church, hunting with her father, and spending time with family and friends.



Lucas Stevenson is the son of Chad and Katie Stevenson of Greensboro. Lucas played guard for the Maples in basketball for two years and wide receiver and defensive back on the section champion football team this past season. He also plays infield for the Maples' baseball team. In his spare time, Lucas enjoys the outdoors. He is an avid hunter and fisherman and is a member of the Washington PA Bass



Nicole Barrera is the daughter of Gianna and Byron Barrera of Greensboro, Nicole is a freshman member of the varsity basketball team. She currently maintains a 4.7 GPA and is a member of Mapletown's Academic League, Debate Team, and FBLA. In addition to basketball, Nicole is captain of the Mon Valley Equestrian Team where she competes within the Interscholastic Equestrian Association and is a member of the United States Equestrian Federation. While not in school, Nicole enjoys competing in horse shows on her horse, Baloo, and working at the barn.



Chase Frameli is the son of Melissa Beabout and Brian Frameli of Clarksville. He wrestles for the Rocket and is currently 24-3 this season.



Jillian Katruska is the daughter of Joey and Rochelle Katruska of Clarksville. She plays basketball and softball for the Rockets. In school, Jillian is a member of the debate and academic teams. In the fall, she is a majorette for the marching band. The senior plans to attend college in Florida to study either geology or chemistry.



Lisa Durbin of Beulah Ridge. He is a and Natasha Tharp of Wind Ridge. sophomore and was a member of the She plays volleyball, basketball, and 2021 section champion football squad plans to play softball. Kendra is a and WPIAL playoff basketball team. member of the FFA program and at-In school, Patrick is a member of the tended the 2023 PA Farm Show in FFA program and chess club.



Patrick Durbin is the son of Dave and Kendra Tharp is the daughter of Cory Harrisburg. She is also the freshman class secretary and was elected as an attendant on the 2022 Homecoming Court.



Carmichaels' Sophia Zalar became only the eighth girl in Mike's basketball history to reach the 1,000 point milestone.



Waynesburg's Kaley Rohanna became only the sixth girl in Raider history to score over 1.000 career points.



# Corner Cupboard Food Bank

orner Cupboard Food Bank is feeding hungry people in Greene County by distributing food and other grocery items through their county-wide network of food pantries.

The food bank manages a variety of programs designed to meet the differing needs of those facing food insecurity. Programs include Emergency Boxes, a one-time program to help those in special circumstances; food pantries that provide food monthly to those in need, and Kid's Bags, distributed during

summer and holiday breaks.

Another part of their mission is to educate people about the problems of hunger. Education comes in many forms, like hosting free gardening courses in collaboration with the Penn State Master Gardeners.

Corner Cupboard is once again hosting Seed to Supper, a six-week gardening course, open to those in the community who are interested in learning more about gardening techniques. FMI about the food bank and/or the gardening courses, call 724-627-9784.

# **Chuck Carnahan State Farm**

huck Carnahan State Farm Agency has its roots in an unexpected place - the United States Army 25th Infantry Division. This is where Mr. Carnahan started his long career of "helping people." This still holds true, as Chuck Carnahan State Farm Agency's motto is, "We're here to help life go right."

In 2016 and 2021 his agency earned the highest honor given by State Farm - the prestigious Chairmen's Circle Award. This top award recognizes an agent's outstanding sales ability, and honors those who align their business with the long-term direction of the company and act as advocates

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# Community Foundation of Greene County

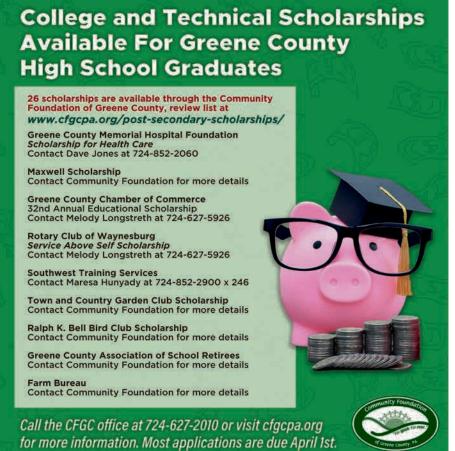
resident and the recipient of two scholarships presented by the Community Foundation of Greene County. She received the Carl I. and Joyce Johnston Memorial Scholarship and Michelle Anderson Memorial Scholarship.

Kiley was very excited to receive both awards. It was especially meaningful for Kiley to receive the Michelle Anderson Memorial Scholarship presented by Larry Anderson in memory of his wife. Kiley attended and graduated high school with Larry and Michelle's youngest son.

Michelle was known for her love of working with children. Larry wanted to ensure that his wife's legacy lived on after her passing by creating the STEM specific scholarship further supported by Michelle's employer Mark West. The scholarship has grown from a goal of donating at least one \$1000 scholarship per year to being able to now donate four to five. Larry was delighted to find out Kiley was one of the recipients of the Michelle Anderson Memorial Scholarship.

Establishing a fund with Community Foundation is easy, flexible, and designed to meet the donor's interests and passions. The Community Foundation serves as the central philanthropic organization within Greene County for donations of various type and sizes and strives to serve the interests of donors while meeting community needs. Types of funds which can be established are donor advised, scholarships, donor designated, or a field of interest. Through donations, the Foundation can dedicate financial resources to support change and change-makers in Greene County. Since endowed funds live in perpetuity, fingerprints and legacies are left in our county for today, tomorrow, and forever.







# **Action Equipment Center**

pring is drawing closer, which means yard work and lawn mowing season. Like most, we don't think about our lawn mowers until they are needed. After we do dust them off, we often times find that it's time for an upgrade. Luckily, there is 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.

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tractors, compact tractors, zero turn mowers, farm tractors, implements, chainsaws, trimmers, blowers, and more.

Action Equipment Center has a large instock 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 along with servicing other brands, depending on the type of equipment 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.

Action Equipment Center has grown every year since opening in 2015, reaching out beyond Washington County into Greene and Allegheny counties, and they've had great success in the last 8 years in business. They've been honored repeatedly with the "Top 100 Club" with Cub Cadet and named the 2019 national Cub Cadet retailer of the year. They have achieved elite status with Cub Cadet for the last three years and will be honored again this year at the annual elite dealer incentive trip.

Action Equipment Center is a woman owned and operated business that is proud to be your local independent dealer. We offer customer service that can never be found at your local box store. Shop local and support small businesses.

If you are interested in any of Action Equipment Center's lawn and farm equipment or services, contact their dealership at 724-503-4223 or visit their website at www. actionequipmentcenter.com. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8am-5pm and Saturday 8am-12pm in spring/summer. You can also reach their sales department via email at sales@actionequipmentcenter.com.



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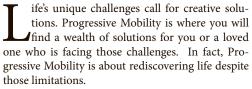
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The Pento Homecare Agency has been providing the elderly and individuals with disabilities in both Fayette and Greene Counties with home health aides for almost thirteen years. Based in Uniontown, PA, this BBB A+ Rated homecare agency is owned and 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.

Now, the Pento Homecare Agency is hiring home health aides to better serve its many patients. No higher education degree is required. Neither is any medical experience, as training is provided through the company. Full-time employees can receive benefits, hours are flexible, and wages are competitive for both full-time and part-time employees.

Duties for the position include assisting with personal care, bathing, dressing, meal preparation, light house keeping services (such as laundry, tidying up, doing dishes, etc), transportation, errands, and most importantly, companionship.

This position is perfect for those looking to break into the medical field, as well as those who are wishing to make a positive impact on our region's senior citizens and disabled individuals. This job takes an individual who not only is willing to learn and grow to succeed, but also someone with empathy, compassion, and listening skills to best service patients in a vulnerable state.

Although the agency has been dealing with staffing shortages due to the unstable job market and higher costs due to post-COVID-19 inflation, Pento and his team are still providing top quality services to their clients in the face of adversity. He's looking for dedicated workers who genuinely care for the patients they're helping. He also hopes that any new job candidates also share his attitude on workplace loyalty and perseverance, just like his current staff that have been with the agency for many years.

"Since Covid hit, the workforce and its attitudes have changed drastically. Many employees from all sorts of businesses have jumped ship and moved onto other things, but not my faithful, longtime staff," Pento said. "They've stuck by my side, plugging along throughout these crazy few years. I am beyond grateful for them and everything they've done for me and this company."

If you think you're the right fit for this position, send your resume to pentohomecareagency@hotmail. com. You can also call 724-322-1683 for additional information or questions.



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The store is scheduled to grand open in April 2023. This will be the Company's 11th store in Pennsylvania.

Providing its customers with a mix of nationally branded footwear for the entire family from brands such as Hey Dude, Adidas, Skechers, Under Armour, Crocs, and many others, the new Shoe Sensation will be an easy-to-shop environment where associates will deliver exceptional customer service. In addition to a variety of styles of footwear from work boots to athletic and dress styles for men, women, and kids, Shoe Sensation will also offer a wide range of accessories including socks and shoe care, and backpacks.

"Everyone at Shoe Sensation is excited about the opportunity to serve the community of Waynesburg. We look forward to assisting our customers with their footwear needs and becoming an active part of the community" says Dave Schoengart, CEO.

Each store is staffed with local management who are qualified to make decisions based on the local community's needs. Anyone interested in working for the rapidly expanding retail chain should visit shoesensation.com/careers to begin the application process. For more information about the brand's Shoe Sensation sells or store locations, please visit our website at www.shoesensation.com.

**About Shoe Sensation** 

The parent company of Shoe Sensation, Inc. is a privately held corporation based in Jeffersonville, Indiana and operates over 230 retail stores in 21 states. Shoe Sensation is expanding its small-town presence through an organic & strategic growth plan.





# **Greene County Foster Care**

pen your heart, open your home... change a life!" That is the mission statement of Greene County Foster Care, which is constantly on the hunt for individuals in the region looking to do just that—open their hearts and homes.

Maybe you're wondering what exactly is a foster parent? Foster parents provide a loving and caring home for child whose parents are unable to do so. When a child's parents provide an unsafe, inadequate environment for the child, the courts address the situation. These children are placed in the custody of the Greene County Children and Youth Services agency by the courts. Greene County Foster Care provides homes for these children and gives children a safe and loving home due to parents not being able to provide adequate care.

Foster children may be in their position due to a variety of reasons, including neglect, physical/emotional abuse, or parental incarceration. The conditions foster children endure are often damaging and trauma-inducing, and the custody transfer is even more so. While having their basic needs fulfilled by being placed in a foster home, the most important need a foster parent can provide to the children is love.

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

Foster care is never intended to be long-term, and reunification is the department's 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.

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

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

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

Foster 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.

"We just need loving homes, it's a simpler process than it looks like on paper," foster care and adoption supervisor

Beth 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."

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

To make the process easier on both the child(ren) and the foster family, Greene County Children and Youth offers additional services and collaborations. "We create a positive experience that is rewarding to both children in need and families that open their doors to the children of Greene County," Starostanko says. "We provide an array of services to foster families that need assistance with foster children."

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. The county has never had something



like this, so they are building from the ground up. The agency has been 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.

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.

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

Anyone interested in learning more about Greene County Foster Care can call (724) 852-5217, visit their Facebook page or visit their website, gcfostercare.com. Only you can make a difference in this mutually rewarding, live-changing experience.





# Village Caregiving

hen a parent or an elderly loved one reaches a point where they can no longer care for themselves, it can put stress on their family. Village Caregiving in Morgantown, West Virginia aims to alleviate some of that stress by offering a home care option designed to not only help in your loved one's recovery, but give them the independence that they need to stay in their own home.

"When someone calls us we look at it as they are reaching out for help," said Toni McNett, Executive Director and Director of Nursing at The Village Caregiving. "People realize that they can't do things they used to anymore and we want to help improve their day-to-day and take some of that struggle away from them."

For McNett, she knows all too well the struggles of being a caregiver as her grandmother was home bound while she was growing up. For several years, McNett was one of her grandmother's family caregivers and she keeps that experience in mind with every new patient that they welcome into the Village Caregiving family.

Even as the largest privately owned home care company, with over 50 offices across the

country, the motto is the same with every client they take on. "Do the Right Thing and Use Common Sense." Each client is a member of their family and they strive to make connections that will last a lifetime.

"We try to provide not only a service for our clients, but hospitality," said McNett.

If you or a loved one are in need of home care assistance, give Village Caregiving a call at (304) 241-4980. McNett and her colleague Adrian would be happy to discuss their services and how they can help Keep Your Heart at Home.

For more information about the service offered it general questions visit Village Caregiving's website at villagecaregiving.com.





# **Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center**

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

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

Having acquired the shop and its surrounding property in 2017, the Pento family has been selling an assortment of essential fishing equipment, refreshments, and live bait. They also offer boat sales, including kayaks and pontoons, for more experienced anglers looking to get on the water itself. As of late 2020, the Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center is Fayette County's newest NuCanoe dealer, which is an American made

brand of high-tech kayaks built for even the most rugged outdoorsman.

The Dunlap Creek Lake Outdoor Center also works in partnership with the Dunlap Creek Lake Co-op Stocking Committee to make sure there are enough fish in the lake to go around all-year long. Both groups raise funds throughout the year to ensure a variety of freshwater species is abundant throughout the lake, including trout, bass, crappie, catfish, and carp. Last fall, the two organizations, along with the local government and the PA Fish and Boat Commission, dredged, restored, and restocked the lake's children's trout pond. The newly restored children's pond is exclusive to first-time and youth anglers under the age of 15 during opening season, almost guaranteeing them the chance of catching their very own trout.

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





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# **Specialty Herbal Products**

pecialty Herbal Products' motto is "getting back to the roots of healing." Owner Brian King, a registered, practicing pharmacist, started the business in his home 30 years ago, before moving it to High Street, Waynesburg; and then eventually to its current location at 1470 East High Street. Co-owner Lee Ann King, Brian's wife, has contributed greatly to the store via her computer expertise and outgoing kindness. Roberta King has been the backbone of the store since the beginning, and Tamara Cerra has provided expert advice to many Greene County citizens over the past several years. Barb Dickey and Beth Frye complete the knowledgeable and friendly staff at Specialty Herbal. Specialty Herbal Products is Greene County's only health food store and carries a large assortment of vitamins, herbs, essential oils, CBD extracts, organic foods, weight loss, gluten-free, and other specialty and natural products. They also sell locally grown/made products: honey, eggs, candles and soaps. Specialty Herbal offers an everyday 15% NOW products discount, 10% Terry Naturally discount, and a weekly senior (55+) discount day (10%) on Wednesday.

Providing quality products is the promise that Specialty Herbal makes to all their customers. "The Health Food Store/ Alternative Health industry was created and driven with the motive to provide wholesome natural foods and supplements that are as close to nature as possible. The big food stores and big box chains were taking every short cut to provide cheaper foods and supplements (and still are), resulting in inferior, and even harmful foods and supplements. We are the healthy alternative to the misbranded, nutrient compromised products of that industry. For example, the health promoting effects of herbs are determined by the seed stock used, the soil they are grown in, when they were harvested, what solvents were used in extrac-

tion, and how they are dried and stored. It's not something that can be rushed and mass marketed," Brian says. "Our motivation is to get people who have tried inferior products that didn't work to try our products."

Specialty Herbal Products continues to add new products to its existing product line. There fastest growing supplement line is manufactured by "Terry Naturally." They make unique vitamin/herbal combination products that go the extra mile. For example, Terry Naturally's Turmeric/Curcumin is made with the most clinically studied, enhanced absorption curcumin in the world. and has been used in over 70 groundbreaking clinical studies. "Terry Naturally" was voted the #1 supplement company by Whole Foods Magazine in 2022. Terry Naturally's Curamin, was vote the #1 pain relief supplement. Their newest supplement line is "Nutritional Frontiers", a Pittsburgh company that is on the forefront of the natural products industry. Their formulations contain some of the top patented natural ingredients in the industry: Traacs chelated mineral, Quatrefolic, Curcuwin, vitaMK7, Lutemax, BioPerine, BioCell Collagen, etc.

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





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# SPHS Care Center: STTARS Program

enny has been an enthusiastic participant in the We Can Stop Abuse Prevention Series through the SPHS CARE Center STTARS Program. This educational group works with individuals who have differing abilities and teaches valuable skills such as how to set boundaries, stay safe online, and address and prevent aggressive, bullying, or other inappropriate language and behavior. Penny loves to participate in the activities that the STTARS educator brings as part of the sessions and works hard to implement what has been discussed in her interactions with others, particularly being kind and respectful. Penny reports that she has changed how she communicates online in order to keep her information more private and increase the safety of her contacts with others. She has also expressed that she has learned skills to be assertive when something makes her feel uncomfortable and has gained confidence to stick up for herself and others if they feel disrespected.

Partnering with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), the STTARS Program has been providing the We Can STOP Abuse Project to consumers with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Washington and Greene County for several years. Additional funding from the FISA Foundation is enabling STTARS staff to expand the project to include individuals with physical disabilities as well. STTARS has identified the disabilities community as a priority population because of a high vulnerability to sexual abuse. Unfortunately, individuals in this community often don't report their abuse or aren't taken seriously when they do. The STTARS Program takes a layered approach to address these issues, with hands on education about preventing and addressing sexual abuse for both consumers and staff and caregivers, and available counseling and advocacy for those who identify as victims.

Sexual assault prevention is crucial in our communities. In the United States, 1 in 5 individuals will be a victim of sexual assault, harassment, or abuse in their lifetimes. These acts of willful intimidation, physical coercion, and sexual violence leave victims feeling overwhelmed and helpless - but they don't have to be. Across southwestern Pennsylvania, community leaders and citizens are taking action to end sexual violence and create better support for its victims.

STTARS is a program of the SPHS CARE Center, that provides services to those impacted by sexual abuse, harassment, and assault in Washington and Greene counties. The program offers confidential counseling services both in-person and via telehealth at our offices in Washington, Waynesburg, and Charleroi. Sessions are designed to empower, educate, and support clients through the healing process.

Legal advocacy is available to those who are going through the criminal or civil justice process. Advocates assist with educating and supporting survivors and their families throughout justice system proceedings.

STTARS also provides medical advocacy

upon request at area hospitals to provide support during the forensic examination and evidence collection process.

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

All services are free and confidential.

The program provides primary prevention-based education and training services to a wide variety of audiences from pre-school to the older adult population, as well as training allied professionals how to identify and respond to disclosures of abuse. The ultimate goal is to educate local residents about available services as well as steps that they can take toward ending sexual violence in their communities.

The STTARS program relies on volunteers to assist with providing hotline services, perform light office work, conduct outreach at community events, and help with fundraising. For those interested in hotline work or providing other direct services to victims, an interactive 40-hour training is required. Anyone interested in becoming involved with administrative, fundraising, and outreach work will be offered a shorter 8-hour training prior to being assigned volunteer duties. Trainings can be in person or online.

To request counseling or advocacy services, prevention programming, or for more information on how you can make a difference in our community, please contact the STTARS Program at 724-229-5007 or email us at sttars@sphs.org.









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# Hoyle's Auto Salvage

o you need to clear that useless car out of your garage? Need tire rims but are on a budget? Hoyle's Auto Salvage (HAS) has you covered!

HAS has been Greene County's go-to spot for both purchasing car parts and buying local lemons for salvage since 2009, but the Hoyle's have a history with the automotive industry going back to the 1990s.

HAS prides themselves on serving the community and the civil organizations that serve it. Earlier in 2022, HAS partnered with

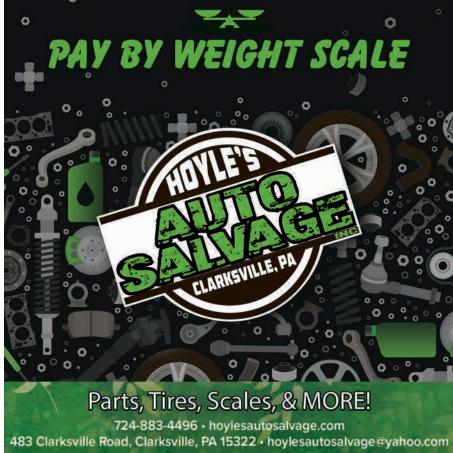
local fire departments by allowing trainees to cut apart scrapped vehicles to get a feel for what it would be like to do so in a real-life situation to save lives.

Although their history with the community goes back decades, there's been several positive changes for HAS over the past few years. In 2019, HAS relocated to a new, larger distribution center on Clarksville Road. Recently, they also added a new roll-on scale service for

those selling their used vehicles. It offers sellers an even better offer for their car by having HAS pay by the weight of the car.

While the whole Hoyle family has high hopes for the future of HAS, Jim says that his goal for the future of the business is for his grandson Jimmy to take over the shop and continue the family's legacy of family focused service and quality used parts. "Everything we do in this business revolves around family and I hope that my shop can give my grandson a great start for his future."





# **Sherwin-Williams**

Ready to freshen up your home with a new color? Sherwin-Williams #1089 in Waynesburg is equipped to help! The Waynesburg location has been serving customers since 1961 and is ready to provide expert service and advice on any painting project.

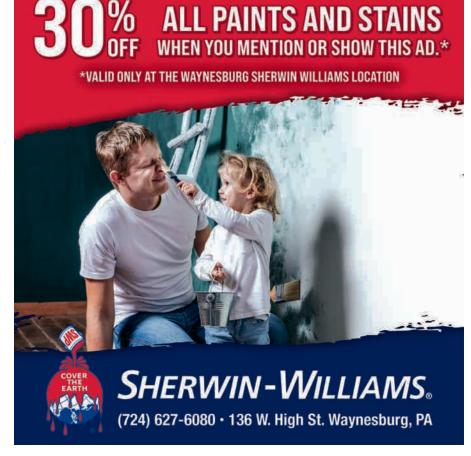
Area customers love the service provided by Store Manager Jonathan Hitz and Assistant Manager Dakota. One customer shared, "You won't find better people; very knowledgeable; very friendly," and another wrote that the staff is, "very friendly and very helpful on the phone and in the store, the store was very clean and organized."

Products and services found at the store include interior and exterior paints, stains, paint brushes, rollers, caulk, and spray equipment. Brands sold include Sherwin Williams, Purdy, Graco, Titan, 3M, Shurtape, H&C, Uniflex, USG, Werner, Mi-T-M, and Minwax. Sherwin-Williams also offers a PaintPerks program with many benefits and an exclusive program, Sherwin-Williams PRO+, to help professionals manage and grow their business.

The Waynesburg Sherwin-Williams

is looking to hire two additional staff members to assist customers with the remodeling needs. If you're knowledgeable about paint and paint supplies and eager to share your expertise, reach out to them about the open position.

Sherwin-Williams Paint Store of Waynesburg has exceptional quality paint, paint supplies, and stains to bring your ideas to life. Have paint questions that need answers? Ask the team! You can visit them at 136 W High Street, Waynesburg, or call 724-627-6080. The location is open seven days a week: Monday to Friday 7am-6pm, Saturday 8am-4pm, and Sunday 10am-2pm.







# The Denny House

long High Street in downtown Waynesburg, sits a beautiful piece of Victorian times – a Waynesburg landmark. Picturesque and striking, The Denny House is a venue you'll be sure to remember long after your event.

The Denny House is a memorable setting for your event as unique as you are. The home went through a complete restoration in 2021 to restore it to lost grandeur and the doors are now open to a new round of guests. Entertaining for over 200 years has been a tradition at The Denny House, and the guest list has included local guests and dignitaries including a US President and senators.

No matter the size, The Denny House can accommodate the occasion. The Denny House has three attractions that you can be used for your event, either together or individually: The Denny House itself, the Carriage House, and the Loft VIP Suite.

The Denny House main house is a stunning environment to host your event. The house's luxuriously decorated interior will add a sense of elegance to any event. Formal seating can accommodate up to forty guests or can be scaled down to suit your party's needs. The house includes parlors, bedrooms, and kitchens. Overnight lodgings are available for guests. Outside, enjoy the gardens, lawn, and porches for casual conversation or to enjoy a colorful sunset. The homes lower level includes an underground wine

cave. Flexible rates will make sure that you get what you need for your event within your budget.

The Eli Denny Carriage House Event Center has everything you need for an event. The center holds up to a hundred guests in a variety of floor plans. It is fully equipped with a stocked bar (complete with onsite liquor license), buffet space, tables, chairs, and place settings. The space is perfect for parties, showers, and wedding receptions.

The Loft VIP Suite is in intimate mid-century setting perfect for smaller affairs. Period tile work and lighting provide a cozy setting for up to twenty people. An overnight option can accommodate up to six guests. The Loft VIP Suite can be rented with the Carriage House main space to offer a quiet getaway from the event downstairs or as a cozy smaller setting for wedding showers or bachelor parties.

Create your own history right here in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, from intimate gatherings to galas for a hundred guests or more. Whether the affair is Old World Elegance or Country Casual, we have your space reserved. Let us know how we may assist you in your future event planning or arrange for a visit to see if our venue can be host to your next special occasion.

FMI, visit thedennyhouse.com or call 724-998-







# The Perfect Arrangement & Lily Bees

If you think it's only there for special occasions, The Perfect Arrangement and Lily Bees invites you to stop in and discover the tri-county's most beautiful gift shop. It's true – this florist makes special occasions really stand out, because flowers are always a great choice and Lily Bees unique and indulgent gift shop can help make any day a special occasion! With a large showroom brimming with gifts and décor for inside and out, it's a place you need to visit.

New to the shop this year is the Lampe Berger Collection –a functional and attractive bottle diffuser and air purifier which has been helping to purify indoor air since 1898 and acting as a room deodorizer adding an elegant or contemporary touch to every home.

Lampe Berger uses its expertise to strengthen your well-being, by taking care of indoor air. The products in the collections aim at pleasing both the body and mind. Offering over 50 different fragrances we are sure that it will please everyone.

Also, our new Candy Counter is a fun and delicious addition to our store. Filled with chocolatey confections made by Asher's chocolate company, who has been making chocolates since 1892. Some of our favorites are the smores, peanut butter melt-a-ways and sea salt caramels and everything else. Now available is our chocolate filled Easter eggs.

The Karen Didion collection pays exceptional attention to detail, high quality fabrics, accessories, and over-

all designs, and their remarkable prices are just a few of the standards that Karen Didion Originals upholds to set their designs above the rest. Stop by and see the bunny collection.

Lily Bees is a unique and indulgent gift shop that compliments The Perfect Arrangement Floral Shop... together providing the most amazing experience like no other florist you know.

Another wonderful advantage of The Perfect Arrangement is that an entire room is dedicated to sympathy and funerals, with so many meaningful ideas and special ways to share your love during difficult times. The carved stones, wind chimes, and lanterns are just a few of the many choices you'll find to express your sympathy in a beautiful and lasting way while the fresh floral arrangements created by this skilled staff always make a touching and appropriate tribute. The best way to make your order is to call directly to the Perfect Arrangement, so they can make it just the way you want it, or help you figure out what's best. Call 724-627-3191.

The Perfect Arrangement offers daily delivery to all of Greene County and beyond. And remember, it doesn't have to be a holiday or special occasion to send flowers or give gifts. You can bring a smile to someone's face today. It just takes one call. The Perfect Arrangement does it all. 724-627-3191. Or better yet, treat yourself with a visit to Lily Bees Gift Shop, then you'll be smiling, too.









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In 2017, the Machine Shop was recognized as National Historic Landmark for its unique role as a "small-job" shop, bridging the gap between traditional blacksmith shops of the 1800s and the commercial machine shops of the 20th century.

Built in 1900, the shop produced parts for

steamboats, coal mines, railroads, and supported local small businesses. When it closed in 1965, the building was locked with all of its tools and equipment in place perfectly preserving its line shaft driven, 25-machine network for future generations.

Today, visitors can tour the blacksmith shop, pattern shop, hardware store,

foundry-and marvel as the machines are switched on during a live demonstration of this turn-of-the-last century technology!

Tours are offered by Rivers of Steel on Sundays, May through November. Tickets and information are available at riversofsteel.

The Machine Shop is owned and operated by Rivers of Steel, who also manage 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 historic structure.



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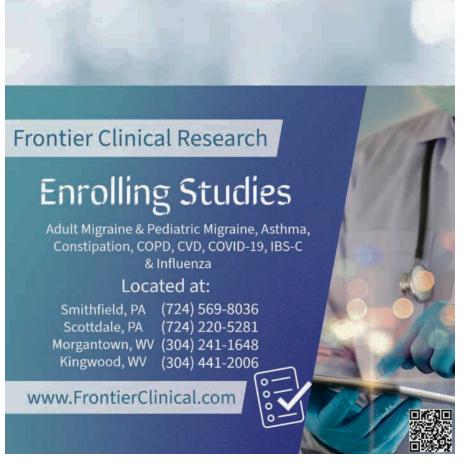
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# First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Greene County

# FIRST FEDERAL OF GREENE COUNTY NAVIGATES INTEREST RATE CHANGES, EXPANDS LOAN OFFERINGS

uring its annual meeting of members Jan. 25, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County announced it had navigated the fluctuating interest rates of 2022 to end the year in a positive financial position.

At the beginning of 2022, the Association's 30-year mortgage loan product carried a 3.05 percent interest rate; at year's end, that rate had more than doubled to 6.2 percent. That represents an increase of more than 300 basis points in 12 months.

"Considering inflation reached a 40-year high, consumers felt the exorbitant increase in the cost of consumer goods, notably fuel, food and other necessities," wrote Charles W. Trump, Jr., President/CEO of First Federal of Greene County, in his annual President's Report. "Each year brings its own unique and special challenges, and this past year was no exception."

Despite inflation, rollercoaster interest rates and continued coronavirus recovery, First Federal of Greene County ended the year 2022 with \$1.056 billion in assets, another record for the nearly 99-year-old institution.

Other financial highlights of 2022 included \$910 million in deposits, and \$111 million in loan closings, ending the year with a total of \$656 million in the Association's mortgage portfolio.

In 2023, customer service is driving the growth of First Federal of Greene County's loan department in two key expansions.

Loan offerings will evolve this year to include a commercial lending department, built from the ground up, as well as the opening of an additional office in Bridgeport, W.Va., for the Association's mortgage origination subsidiary, First Greene Mortgage. The Bridgeport office joins the Morgantown office in serving West Virginia home loan customers.

With customer service at the forefront of the Association's values and product offerings, First Federal of Greene County continues to embrace new technology for the ease, convenience and security of its users.

"Technology continues to play a significant role in our evolution as a company and will remain an integral role in our business operations and plans for the future," Trump noted in his President's Report. "The Association is proud to have implemented and invested in multiple technological tools and services, while continuing to improve and enhance existing technologies."

Last year saw a big change for the Association as it moved its website to the more secure .bank domain, relaunching its main site as www.ffgc.bank and obtaining a separate address for First Greene Mortgage at www.fgm.bank.

"The complete redesign and upgrades to our website, our mobile app, and the features and tools therein resulted in a more powerful way for our customers to connect with us and manage their day-to-day banking," Trump said.

Also during its annual meeting, the Association's Board of Directors recognized the retirement of Chairman John E. Mariner, who has served in that role since 2017. Mariner had been a Director since 2002 and was the Association's President/CEO from 2008-2012.

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The Board named Mariner a Director Emeritus and elected Judi Goodwin Tanner as Board Chairwoman.

Along with Tanner and Trump, the Board of Directors includes Gregory A. Parsons, Jay S. Hammers, Murray W. Hoy, Stephen M. Neubauer, Douglas A. Wilson and Michael C. Baily. Neubauer and Baily were re-elected to 3-year terms on the Board. Henry T. Cochran serves as a Director Emeritus.

The Board of Directors also approved the corporate officer title changes of Sarah A. Westfall to Assistant Vice President/Assistant Secretary and Aimee D. Toothman to Assistant Vice President, and named Brian E. Moody to its slate of officers as Assistant Treasurer.

Joining First Federal of Greene County's Uniontown office in 2017 as a loan officer, Moody will mark 20 years in banking this year. He previously worked as a branch manager and in business banking and consumer underwriting. Moody is currently the assistant branch manager and lending manager at the Association's Uniontown office.

Born and raised in Point Marion, Moody moved to Headlee Heights in southeastern Greene County and graduated from Mapletown High School in 1995. He graduated from West Virginia University in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a political science minor.

Moody and his wife, Jessica, live in Uniontown and have two sons, Nathaniel and Lucas.

Also during the Association's annual meeting, Trump was re-elected President/CEO, and the following Association officers were once again elected: Chad M. Moore, Executive

Vice President; Jeffrey B. Widdup, Vice President; Courtney A. Schroyer, Vice President/ Chief Financial Officer; Kathleen M. Toth, Vice President/ Secretary; Terry L. Clutter, Vice President/Treasurer; and Danielle R. Tobusto, Assistant Vice President.

Recapping the year 2022 would not be complete without acknowledging the death in July of former President/ CEO and Board Chairman Scott S. O'Neil, who devoted nearly 50 years of his life to First Federal of Greene County.

"Scott served the Association with heart and distinction for many years," Trump noted. "His passion for our Association, and for all of our area neighborhoods, was a very special aspect of Scott's service, and his legacy will live on within our organization for years to come."

O'Neil's passion for his

workplace and his community typifies the qualities that set First Federal's employees apart.

"Our Association has been built on two pillars for the last 99 years – our employees and our customers," Trump said. "Our customers and partners continually show their confidence in us by giving us their business and recommending us to others. We are grateful for that confidence and do all we can to continue to merit it.

"That confidence is possible thanks to our talented and dedicated employees, along with the trusted leadership and guidance of our Officers and Board of Directors," Trump continued. "I pray that the year to come, and the many that follow, offer success and growth to our special and treasured Association."

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





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### **Mountain State Waste**

n 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 J.P. Phillips, Mountain State Waste Company vice president and co-owner.

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 began servicing Greene County in 2015.

"It has been great being here in Greene County," said Phillips. "The people of Perry Township have been very helpful and supportive as we set up operations and have been great partners who are beneficial to our operation."

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

Along with waste management services, Mountain State Waste also offers waste and recycling audits for local businesses. During these audits, they sort through the waste and see what is being recycled and what is being landfilled and how you can get more out of your recycling solutions. "We offer services to go out to local businesses and do a waste audit right there on site," says Phillips. "We check to see how efficient your waste and recycling services are and whether or not you are getting the most bang for your buck."

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

Phillips promises that every customer, whether an individual or business, will receive the same type of small-town service employee 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," Phillips says. "They're not going to be sourced out to some call center in the middle of nowhere halfway across the country."

With an easily accessible location, hometown passion and personable service, choosing Mountain State Waste to deal with your waste overall benefits everyone locally. For more information, you can go to their up-to-date website mountainstatewaste.com, find them on Facebook at Mountain State Waste, call 866-679-2776 or email info@mountainstatewaste.com.





# **Blueprints: Aging Well**

B lueprints is a non-profit organization that has been serving the area since 1965. Founded by a group of community leaders, the agency focuses on mobilizing public and private resources to deal with the causes of poverty, not just its impact, and help clients achieve stability from cradle to gray.

In addition to their youth services, their aging well philosophy is helping seniors. Six senior activity centers provide meals, education, physical fitness,

socialand ization. They provide home delivered meals for seniors in need. Their Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) allows volunteers ages 55 or older to use their skills and knowledge to make a positive difference in the lives of They others. also provide

advocacy for seniors residing in long term care facilities.

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# **Appraising Greene**

n August of 2018, Gwen R. Nicholson opened Appraising Greene Real Estate Services in Carmichaels, PA. Ms. Nicholson has been practicing real estate in Greene County, Pennsylvania since 1995 and has been state certified for residential appraising in Pennsylvania since 2011. Appraising Greene Real Estate Services is a residential real estate appraisal office that specializes in single family residential properties, multiunit residential properties (one to four units),

vacant land, and farms. The company services all of Greene County. Appraisal clients include private individuals. attorneys, lenders, and corporations. Appraisal reports are commonly prepared for real estate purchases, mortgage refinancing, divorce/ master's hearing, estate

inheritance tax filing, and insurance needs.

Appraising Greene Real Estate Services is also a full-service real estate brokerage office for sales and listings. We assist individuals looking for help in selling or buying real estate in the Greene County market or surrounding areas. So, if you or someone you know needs help this spring, please reach out to Appraising Greene Real Estate Services to guide you through your transaction. We look forward to hearing from you!





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### **PW Auto Sales and Service**

P W Auto Sales and Service opened in March 1983 in an old natural gas company pump house. We had a lot of remodeling to do.

When we opened, we were fortunate to service and clean Mid Penn phone company's business vehicles. My brother Dave was working for me at the beginning.

The original building was closer to the creek than we are now, and we soon outgrew it. When we built the new building, in 1987, we had to level the hillside to handle the size and have parking. The new building is about 20 feet higher from where the old building was. It was about 32 ft X 40 ft in size. In a few more years we added a 16 ft X 48 ft addition, which allowed for longer trucks and trailers.

Our first office inside the new building wasn't very large or comfortable, but it served its purpose. Later we

added a larger office and waiting room on the side of the building. A recent addition was the outside waiting area, which has been well used.

I have had five employees at once in the past, but I realized the building was not big enough to handle that many workers. I usually have three or four employees, which seems to work well. Around 1990, we added vehicle sales to our business, which has also been very rewarding.

The state prison was right above us for a long time, and the employees there kept us busy. It was handy for them to be able to leave their vehicle for the day as they could walk to work and pick it up at the end of the day. It changed many times over the years before being sold to be a boarding school for troubled boys. It closed soon after that.

A very trying time was when the township closed the metal bridge on the other side of the prison, and the state decided to work on two bridges on RT 188 at the same time. That left only one way to my shop, and it wasn't easy. My shop went through a very tough time then, but we made it through. When a customer would call and ask how they could get to my shop, I would jokingly say either by boat on Ruff Creek, or helicopter.

In 2007, the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles started a different format for reconstructed vehicles. They needed specially certified shops to take on the new way of doing the inspections. Before, individuals had to take before and after pictures, have an inspection mechanic check the vehicle for safety, send in the paperwork to the state, and wait to see if it would pass.

Under the new rules, a shop, if certified to do them, will take finished pictures, check the vehicle for safety, and send in the paperwork to the state. It's a simpler and more effective system. Only two shops perform car and light truck enhanced inspections in Greene County. We are the only shop that inspects trailers that I know of, and the only place in the western part of the state that offers heavy truck enhanced inspections.

In 2014, we started doing bodywork and painting. That went well, so I hired a full-time painter and body man, Rodney Altic, who does excellent work.

Our 40th anniversary is in March, and we have enjoyed the opportunity over the years to meet new people, help people that were broken down on trips, and make many new friends. Our customers are kind and considerate, which is an unexpected blessing. A few customers have been coming pretty much since I opened and are still coming! One of many loyal customers, the MtJoys, who only live about a mile away, have been loyal customers for 40 years.

Right now, working for me is my son Philip and Rodney, our painter. We are very blessed to have been busy for such a long time. I would like to thank all my loyal customers. We would not have made it to 40 years in business if not for you.

Thanks for a great 40 years, Pat Westich of PW Auto





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- Collaborate Class members will learn to appreciate and acknowl-

- edge the various perspectives and contexts of their fellow leaders and find common ground for strengthening Greene County.
- Serve Participants will develop an ethic of service that will take them beyond personal interests to tangibly engaging in volunteerism and community involvement.
- Exemplify Class members will model community-focused leadership, causing others to aspire to the same standards, while also establishing a network of relationships that will en-rich both their personal and professional lives.

Classes are \$300 per person with scholarships available through a generous donation from EQT. Inspire Greene is a 10-week program that begins on March 27. To learn more, visit www.greenecountyunitedway.org/ inspiregreene

Greene County's Emergency Food & Shelter Program Board received \$18,994 for Phase 40 in 2023. Funding will be designated on March 3 at 10:00 am at the Greene County United Way (GCUW) office in Waynesburg. Any local nonprofit or governmental offices wanting to participate in this program must submit a letter of interest to GCUW by 3:00 pm on March 2. FMI, contact mforbes@greenecountyunitedway.org.



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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.



# Washington Area Humane Society

he Washington Area Humane Society's mission is to provide shelter, safety, and care for the abandoned and abused animals of Washington County with the goal of placing them in forever homes. The society hosts three low-cost vaccination clinics and two low-cost spay clinics onsite monthly for community pets. Consider supporting the animals by adopting, fostering, volunteering, or donating towards their care. Are you a veteran? We offer free adoptions for veterans as

a thank you for their service. Would you like to volunteer? Over 300 active volunteers help onsite each year at the shelter. Stop by and see us at 1527 Route 136 in Eighty-Four Pennsylvania; 6 miles from the Meadowlands I-79 exit. Come visit our 10,000 square foot shelter or view our website at washigntonpashelter. org to learn more about our life-saving work and to see our adoptable pets. Animal Viewing hours: Tue 1-7 pm, Thur, Fri, Sat 1-4 pm.



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## **Washington Symphony Orchestra**

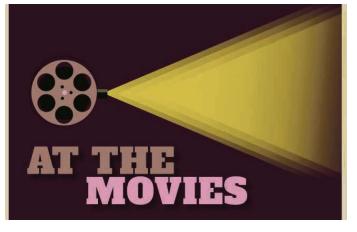
Since 2002, the Washington Symphony Orchestra has followed its mission "to engage the community by providing accessible, quality musical performances that entertain, educate and inspire."

The Orchestra's first rehearsal took place in April of 2002, and was attended by twen-

ty-four musicians. Soon, the Orchestra had grown to a full symphony of over 50 musicians performing pops, classical and light classical music for the tri-state's residents and visitors.

The Orchestra has been led by Music Director Dr. Yugo Sava Ikach since 2005. His boundless enthusiasm for his art, his community and his Orchestra family inspire musicians and audience alike at every WSO event.

Now in its 21st season, the Orchestra



performs at the Olin Fine Arts Center on the Washington & Jefferson College Campus (285 East Wheeling Street, Washington, PA 15301), where its regular season concerts are held in the 485-seat theater.

The Orchestra's next concert in the 2022-2023 season is "At the Movies." Selections include music from Jurassic Park, Titanic, Forrest Gump, The Good, The Bad and the Ugly, Pirates of the Caribbean, Harry Potter, The Lord of the Rings, Up and more.



### **Yost Hearing**

ost Hearing is owned and operated by husband-andwife team, Luke Yost and Dr. Andi Yost. Several years ago, God placed a dream in their hearts of operating a community hearing health clinic. At that time, they weren't exactly sure when or how it would happen. But looking back now, they can see how His perfectly ordained path led them to where they are today. They look forward to bringing you on this journey with them. It is their sincerest prayer that they can make a difference in your life. While they know they can't make your hearing health perfect, they hope they can find the best treatment for you.

They are proud to have a single-location clinic rooted in Morgantown but servicing all neighboring geographical areas. Every aspect of Yost Hearing has their personal touch. Yost Hearing operates with a small, family-orientated team so the patients are familiar with consistent faces and who they are speaking with. The experience begins from the first time you call the clinic. At Yost Hearing, you always speak directly with your hearing health care team. No menu of options to choose from, just a friendly voice on the phone guiding you.

Yost Hearing is conveniently located between both Morgantown hospitals off Pineview Drive. Yost Hearing is directly behind Walgreens & across the street from the Holiday Inn. The clinic location provides free ample parking, handicap accessibility, and a drive-thru. Yost Hearing prides itself on providing an organized, efficient, clean, and welcoming clinic.

An audiologist is a trained professional diagnosing the status of your current hearing heath and providing hearing treatment solutions. An audiologist completes many years of rigorous course work and clinical residency. Additionally, audiologists are communication specialists qualified to prescribe personalized hearing solutions. Last but not least, audiologists are continuously responsible to stay updated on hearing health and treatment solutions. Health care providers

consistently refer their patients with hearing issues to

your team at Yost Hearing.

Your hearing health is vital to your overall wellbeing. Hearing health treatments reduce communication difficulties, improve social relationships, and quality of life. Your hearing health treatment at Yost Hearing is an individually prescribed experience focused on convenience & service. The journey to better hearing takes a village. Your team at Yost Hearing will be there along every step of your journey.

One of the first steps on the journey to better hearing is clean ears. Yost Hearing believes that clean ears work better! If necessary, Yost Hearing offers ear cleanings using the Earigator. The Earigator's fully automated temperature and pressure controls provide an efficient & safe cleaning. Patients appreciate the convenience of this fast in-clinic procedure. Excessive ear wax contributes to tinnitus & hearing loss.

Yost Hearing observes a hand-in-hand approach to tinnitus & hearing loss. Your audiologist will take the time for detailed explanation and discuss individualized management or treatment plans. About 90% of patients with hearing loss experience some tinnitus.

Hearing testing is used to diagnose hearing loss.

Early identification of hearing loss can help alleviate years of aggravation and keep your brain healthy. Hearing testing is non-invasive examination and a key component to your hearing health! Your community hearing health team at Yost Hearing goes above & beyond a basic hearing test with the Yost Hearing (6-Step) comprehensive hearing evaluation.

Once your hearing health is fully evaluated you will work with your audiologist to develop your hearing treatment plan. If hearing loss is diagnosed, Yost Hearing offers a variety of hearing aid styles & technology. The aids are personally prescribed to your specific hearing loss. Your audiologist will lead you through the aural rehabilitation process.

A comprehensive hearing aid check-up is vital semiannually. This allows for a deep cleaning of aids, tubing changes, dome & filter replacements, and an ear wax check. Yost Hearing offers a professional drying treatment which is a vacuum drying that vaporizes liquids at low temperatures to maximize moisture removal. Benefits of the professional drying include: clearer sound quality, increased reliability, and longer life spans. Lastly, a listening check of your hearing aids makes sure that they are working optimally. From time to time, hearing aids need repaired. Yost Hearing offers hearing aid repairs both in clinic and at the manufacturer for almost all makes and models of the major brands. For your convenience, in-clinic repairs are typically completed immediately.

Annually, Yost Hearing recommends an in-clinic hearing screening. Just as your prescription with eyeglasses or

contacts can change from year to year, so can your hearing! No one would want to wear eyeglasses that are the wrong prescription, so why would you want to wear hearing aids that are the wrong prescription?

Yost Hearing provides three ways to visit the clinic. Flexible appointment hours are available for all your hearing health & treatment needs with a dedicated appointment with your audiologist. This is for patients requiring comprehensive audiological services. Additionally, daily walk-in clinic is your convenient, no-appointment-needed, option for your routine care & maintenance needs. This is for patients with an immediate concern or those who prefer to NOT make an appointment. Daily walk-In clinic occurs Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Last but not least, daily drivethru services is a "pit-stop" for patients in a hurry against time or not able to easily get in and out of their vehicle for basic aid repairs.

Yost Hearing is proud to serve as your family-owned community hearing health clinic along the journey to better hearing. The mission is to provide the best possible patient experience with an emphasis on convenience and service. Life is all about the journey. It's about stepping away from the noise of this world and seeing the journey for what it really is - a precious gift. The goal is to help you enjoy YOUR journey.

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### **Greene County Chamber of** Commerce

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is here to help you do business better! Whether it's support for your business or promotion of your company and services, the Chamber can help. With a full complement of member benefits, from health and commercial insurance offerings for members only, relevant training opportunities for your staff, to free notary services, chamber membership is a must to include in your business tool kit.

Dating back to 1901 and previously known as the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the name changed in 2017 to better represent 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.

Connections made at membership engagement events help grow your business through networking. The weekly eBlast, monthly eNewsletter, and additional social media activity connect your business to programs, opportunities, and ideas. Additionally, membership provides an opportunity to access benefits and services such as free notary work, special pricing on healthcare, business insurance and energy costs, along with training opportunities for staff members.

You may know that the Chamber offers community outreach programs such as the annual Waynesburg Christmas Parade. In addition, for more than thirty years, the Chamber has awarded a \$1,500 educational scholarship to a Greene County graduating senior student. These are just two of the many community service projects that the Chamber organizes on behalf of its member businesses.

The chamber office is now open Monday through Thursday, 10am to 4pm, and Fridays by appointment. If you are not already a member, now is the time to join the 360+ local businesses who utilize the benefits and services that

come with membership. FMI on the Chamber, email info@greenechamber.org, call 724-627-5926, visit www.greenechamber.org or find us on Facebook @greenecountypachamber and @greenecountychamberbusinessupdates.





### Reese Warehouse

eese Warehouse, Inc. has been around for over 55 years and is still going strong. As customers furnish and update their homes, they look to Reese for great prices and selection. We have customers come from Fayette, Allegheny, Greene, Westmorland, and Washington counties, as well as West Virginia and Maryland. We have a large selection of appliances, bedding, and furniture.

Reese Warehouse has outstanding furniture selections from Ashley, Flexsteel, La-Z-Boy, Liberty, Catnapper, American Woodcrafters, and Bedding Symbol, Restonic, and Serta. And more!

We carry all major brands of appliances: Whirlpool, Maytag, LJ, Kitchen-Aid, Frigidaire, Amana, Electrolux, Samsung, GE, and more.

Reese is known for great prices, convenient delivery, and product knowledge among their great staff. Unlike the bog box stores, Reese's staff great customers as they walk in to the store and ask questions to find out what they're looking for. They guide the customers in the right direction, explaining the product and answering customer questions, all without pressuring them to make a

purchase. The staff is trained to assist customers in making the perfect selection. Several employees have been with the company for over 30 years. Reese also offers a great delivery service, office staff, and warehouse staff that are always available to help.

Customer satisfaction is Reese's top priority, Alan and Terri Thompson, and next generation Brent Thompson, are the owners.

They have had the right training in the business from Terri's father, Charles (Red) Hannan. Red always believed in making the customer happy. He started the business around 1967, and Terri grew up in the business. She started working with her father when she was 11-years old. Times have changed but their

priority is still the same: Making the custom-

Reese Warehouse is in Smithfield, PA. The store is open Monday & Wednesday 9am-7pm, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9am-6pm, and Saturday 9am-5pm. They are closed on Sundays to spend time with their families. Stop by and see the best value in town. Call them at 724-569-4131.



# County Conversations

### **Cook Opens Waynesburg Office**

Rep. Bud Cook (R-Greene/Washington) today announced the opening of his new office in Waynesburg to serve the people of the 50th Legislative Dis-

The office is located at 1640 E. High St., Waynesburg, and can also be reached by calling 724-929-2660. In addition to the full-time office in Waynesburg, Cook will continue to operate the satellite office in California at 130 Woodland Court, Center in the Woods, Brownsville. Both offices are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Services available at both offices include:

- PennDOT paperwork.
- Information and applications for senior citizen benefit programs.
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- Information about legislation.
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STRAD for their donation to the IDD Program in Greene County. This donation will help support the program in commitment to serve individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism in our community. The program provides a multitude of services and support to assist individuals in leading a full and productive everyday life. This contribution will aid in their educational outreach efforts and help them promote their upcoming awareness months in March and April. Thank you STRAD for your efforts to support the Greene County IDD Program.

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## Greene Arc, Inc.

reene Arc offers a variety of services to the people of Greene County. Established in 1967, the non-profit serves people with disabilities by providing housing, job training, and advocacy programs.

The non-profit, which is headquartered in Prosperity, was created by a group of concerned parents. Today, it is a chapter of the Arc of the United States. The Arc has 600 chapters around the country and has been serving people with disabilities for more than 70 years.

Greene Arc's mission is to promote independence and employment opportunities for county residents with disabilities. It has become the largest provider of human services and is a licensed provider of residential and vocational rehabilitation services through the Department of Human Services.

Ninety percent of Greene Arc's funding comes from the Office of Developmental Programs and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. It also receives funding from Greene County Human Services, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Greene County United Way, and fundraising and private grants.

Greene Arc employs almost 65 staff members who serve 100 people with disabilities in Greene and surrounding counties. In addition, Greene Arc uses volunteers to work with clients, sit on the board, and offer advice on its different programs.

Greene Arc provides 24/7 supervised care at community homes in Waynesburg, Rogersville, and Carmichaels. These facilities allow people with disabilities to live independently in a community atmosphere with resources available if they are needed. In addition, it operates four group homes serving 20 individuals. Each location is licensed and inspected annually by the Department of Public Welfare. Staff members help residents with day-to-day life, including personal hygiene, basic financial skills, and recreational activities. The group homes are operating at the maximum capacity allowed by Greene Arc's license.

Greene Arc operates a supported living program to provide long-term care to people in their own homes. It offers 24-hour access to staff assistance while still offering a high level of independence. It is offered to people who are 18 and older and require less than thirty hours a week of direct staff care.

Greene Arc offers several vocational programs. As part of its prevocational services, Greene Arc provides recycling services for the county, and the program teaches people enrolled how to work with others and stay dedicated to the job at hand. Individuals participating in this program learn how to sort, bale, and move recyclable materials in a safe manner. There are drop-off locations in Cumberland Township, Monongahela Township, Morris Township, and at Waynesburg University.

Other aspects of the prevocational service include work experience and training activities. The goal is to teach important skills and attitudes necessary for success in the workplace. Individuals in the program learn building trades, document destruction, and recycling.

Greene Arc supports people who need assistance for paid jobs in the workforce through its supported employment services. This can include supervision and training. Job coaches are on hand to help people in the program secure employment and compete for jobs in a competitive environment. Those coaches will continue to offer assistance until they are

no longer needed. The program is administered through a partnership with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and everyone participating in the program is paid the minimum wage or higher.

Day training services are also offered to adults. The training is designed to teach individuals important life skills that include communication, socialization and community involvement, and self-care. The fully trained staff members teach concepts ranging from therapeutic activities and motor development to how to use community resources.

There is a wide range of mental health recovery services available at Greene Arc. Its psychiatric rehabilitation service is focused on recovery and helps people with psychiatric disabilities. It focuses on changing the person's surroundings. There are five environments that the service helps people with: liv-

ing, learning, working, social, and illness management and wellness.

The program is open to Greene County residents who are eighteen years of age and older. The focus is on people with a history of serious mental illness that includes schizophrenia, major mood disorder, psychotic disorder NOS, schizoaffective disorder, or borderline personality disorder. However, other diagnoses may be accepted if all other criteria are met. Persons accepted to the program must be experiencing moderate to severe functional impairment.

The program is fully voluntary: the person being treated must choose to participate. People can self-refer themselves or be referred by a family member or qualified medical personnel. A referral must be reviewed and signed by a psychologist, physician or physician's assistant, or certified registered nurse practitioner.

Greene Arc is licensed to serve 30 people through its psychiatric rehabilitation program.

There is a peer support program where individuals who have completed recovery and been certified to provide service to people who need help with their mental health. Peer specialists can motivate others still in recovery to persevere. They provide advocacy and can help teach individuals about wellness and how symptoms of mental illness can affect one's life.

Greene Arc offers a Drop-In Center at 49 S. Washington Street in Waynesburg. It provides support to people dealing with mental health concerns and gives people opportunities to socialize with others and build relationships. It is largely driven by the people that the facility serves: there is a director and co-director that supervise activities, but activities and education are mostly chosen by the members themselves.

Greene Arc manages the Social Security benefits of 14 people in Greene County

through its Representative Payee Program. The program ensures that the benefits are used to cover basic human needs, such as food, clothing, and housing. Benefits are also used to cover medical and dental care that are not provided by a residential institution. Once basic needs are covered, the rest of the funds are used for comfort items and other expenses. If any money is left over, it is conserved on behalf of the beneficiary.

You can support Greene Arc by becoming a member. Membership forms can be found on the organization's website at greenearc.org. Volunteer positions are also available in several areas.

Employees and individuals receive annual fire safety training. A class is given and then everyone does the fire extinguisher simulator to teach them how to use a fire extinguisher in case of a fire.





the past, Greene Arc Inc. has made a large food donation to St. Ann's Catholic Church for their Good Neighbor lunches which is free for citizens in need

NEW STARTING Full-time positions available at Franklin Street in Waynesburg, Pine Street and Schroyers Lane in Carmichaels, and Third Street in Rogersville. The person in this position will be responsible for providing direct care to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

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- Administer medications.
- Transport individuals to appointments, community outings. scheduled programs.
- Assisting in everyday life skills, promoting the independence of each individual.
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### Ronald McDonald **House Charities**

housands of families have called Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Pittsburgh and Morgantown their home since the doors opened in 1979. Founded on the idea that no child receiving medical care should ever be alone, the Charity provides families with the comforts of home near pediatric hospitals in the Pittsburgh and Morgantown areas.

With 90 available units to house families, 74 in Pittsburgh and 16 in Morgantown, RMHC Pittsburgh and Morgantown gives families traveling tens, hundreds even thousands of miles a safe, comfortable and closeby place to stay. The mission is to lessen some of the burdens families are facing while they're away from home, allowing them to focus only on supporting their child. The Houses provide private spaces for families to rest and relax as well as community areas for families to gather including a kitchen, laundry room, children's play areas and outdoor space.

When Luke was four months old he was in need of a bone marrow transplant. Arriv-





ing in an unfamiliar city more than a thousand miles from home for treatment, Ronald McDonald House Pittsburgh gave Luke's parents the peace of mind they needed while their son was in the hospital.

"The Ronald McDonald House gave my family a 'home-away-from-home' where we could unwind at the end of the day, take a shower, have a hot meal, do some laundry. have a place to sleep, and have a sense that we weren't alone - a sense of community and we will be forever grateful," said Luke's father, Tom who stayed at the Ronald McDonald House three times for a total of 161 nights.

Embarking on a new and exciting chapter at the Charity, Ronald McDonald House Morgantown is expanding to accommodate even more families traveling to the area. Upon completion, the House will add 11 rooms, totaling 27 and will renovate the existing rooms, lobby, entrance, and familycentered spaces

"This is an exciting time in our Charity," said Eleanor Reigel, Chief Executive Officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities of

> Pittsburgh and Morgantown. "We are grateful to be able to support even more families who are in need of our services."

> Helping families access pediatric medical care comes in an additional form: the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. It travels to underserved communities, providing a multitude of services. For many of these children, this is their only source of medical care. This partnership between RMHC Pittsburgh and Morgantown and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh offers wellness and sick care, physicals, immunizations and asthma

> At RMHC Pittsburgh and Morgantown, the core of the mission is to keep families together and near the medical resources they need. Providing over 21,000 nights of stay each year and delivering services to nearly 1,000 children on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, the Charity is committed to supporting the well-being of every family who turns to us.



### Together Is the Best Place to Be!

Help families like Luke's stay together during difficult medical journeys by supporting RMHC Pittsburgh and Morgantown in the following ways:







Cover a Stay





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# Falcon Home Improvement

Ready to revitalize your residence? Falcon Home Improvement has you covered! From interior remodeling – such as bathrooms and kitchens – to home improvements, flooring and window replacements, and repairs, Falcon is here for you.

Nathan Holman and his wife Melissa started Falcon Home Improvement in 2019. After spending 20 years in the home improvement industry, the couple knew that they could offer a more personalized approach than corporate remodeling companies. Customers are drawn to the company because of their high quality of work, clear communication, and the trust that they will get the job done right. Their experience and dedication are put to work for the homeowner's benefit.

"We service new and old homeowners and everyone in between, while meeting their budget and scheduling needs," Nathan said. "We enjoy being able to help the elderly make their home safe for the life changes they endure"







## **Healing Bridges**

ealing Bridges is a recovery-oriented nonprofit located in Washington, Pennsylvania that has been providing children, teen and adults with behavioral and developmental services since 1968. By motivating clients to overcome hurdles and formulate solutions to reach their aspirations, Healing Bridges acts as the connection to hope and prosperity throughout their continuous self-improvement journeys. The agency offers counseling, medication management and community travel health programs.

The nonprofit is inspired every day by its clients who find success and live more positively upon starting services. By understand-

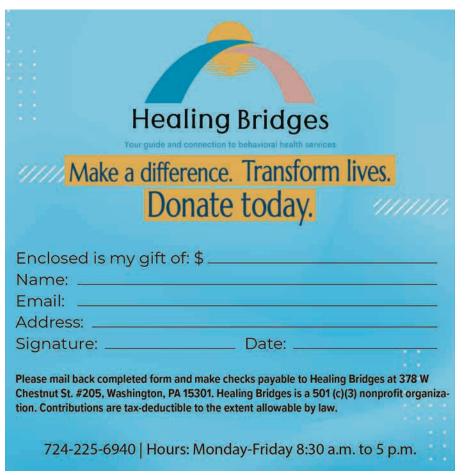
ing that all personal development journeys are unique, Healing Bridges encourages individuals to reach their goals with a flexible and tailored approach, designed to suit the needs of every client.

In addition to offering in-person therapy, telehealth therapy, school-based therapy, psychiatric evaluations, prescription treatment plans, on-site pharmacy services, intellectual and developmental disabilities supports coordination and blended case management, Healing Bridges has recently expanded its service list with mobile mental health treatment for individuals who are physically impaired or immobile and are incapable of attending an office-based appointment. The mobile mental health program is designed to make receiving counseling treatment more convenient and accessible by sending professional therapists out in the community and geriatric-trained therapists to nursing care facilities to meet individuals who are confined to their primary residence

and administer behavioral therapy techniques.

To learn more about Healing Bridges' undeniable impact, please visit www.myhealingbridges. org to read local success stories, sign up for its enewsletter and donate to support its mission to promote healthier and happier communities.







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

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

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

For someone to receive these services, they must:

- 1. Live in Pennsylvania
- 2. Have HIV
- 3. And, have a gross annual income of less than or equal to 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). As of January 2023, this income limit for one person is \$67,950.

These services are provided by many organizations in southwestern PA. Please go to aidsfreewesternpa.org to find a provider that is right for you.

#### What is HIV?

HIV is a virus that weakens the immune system making it harder for the body to fight off diseases.

HIV can be transmitted by:

- Sexual contact where semen, vaginal fluids, or blood are exchanged.
- Sharing needles or other drug or hormone injection

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equipment.

 From mother to baby during pregnancy, birth, or breastfeeding (if the mother is not on HIV medication).

#### What is AIDS?

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

There have been many advancements in medications to treat and prevent HIV. Today, HIV is a very manageable condition if someone stays in treatment. Someone living with HIV and on effective medication, can live a long and healthy

life. If they stay on medication, the virus will become 'undetectable' which means that it will not cause serious illness. If the virus is undetectable, it cannot be passed on to someone else. This is called U=U, or undetectable = untransmittable.

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

Using a prevention method called PrEP.
 PrEP is a pill or

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

To learn more about HIV or to find where to get treated, tested, or get on PrEP, please visit aidsfreewesternpa.org. You can also call or text/call 412.773.1120 for assistance.

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



# LIVING WITH HIV? We Can Help AIDSFreeWesternPA.org

# YOU ARE THE KEY TO YOUR HEALTH

Southwestern PA has many resources available to test for, prevent, or treat HIV

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## **PA Cyber School**

A Cyber's teachers create customized learning paths that are unique to each student. As state-certified educators, they recognize the different developmental stages students typically follow while respecting the unique abilities of each child. This flexible-but-focused learning model allows our teachers to use a variety of teaching strategies and curriculum choices to create an education program that is deeply personal. Read on to learn about three of PA Cyber's educators.

English teacher Peyton Baker's mission as an English teacher at PA Cyber is to enable her students to experience a world that they may have not imagined possible for them. "Giving my students a variety of ways to engage with literature outside of a standard textbook, and hopefully helping them find a passion for it, has been something that makes my job all the more rewarding," she said.

Outside of work, Baker helps make Pirates games memorable in her role on the Bucco Brigade. Between innings, she launches T-shirts into the crowd and gets fans dancing. Her favorite part of the gig is making people smile.

She finds similarities in teaching middle schoolers and entertaining baseball goers. "I have to make sure my students are engaged just as much as the fans at a Pirates game," she said. "For both, I have to create a safe and friendly environment, allowing for open expression and being willing to listen to the needs of those I support. Everything is on a schedule and based on your audience's tempo. I have to be flexible, understand the outcome is not always what I wished for, and walk away with a positive attitude knowing that a win is just around the corner."

Director of Gifted and Talented Mike Hissam oversees the academic and enrichment opportunities available to students in PA Cyber's gifted and STAR programs. (STAR is an academic incentive program for students not identified as gifted.)

He manages a team of staff who ensure gifted and talented students are continually challenged and engaged in their academics and extracurriculars. He supports students in all grades.

"I love working with my team to create new and ex-

citing opportunities for students," he says. "I also enjoy working with students and assisting them with their academics to nurture their education while at PA Cyber."

Hissam oversees the Stock Market Challenge, the Battle of the Books program, Ever-Fi enrichment, weekly student discussions, Newzbrain, educational outings, and other activities and competitions. He initially joined PA Cyber in 2004 as an Instructional Supervisor (now known as Academic Advisor). Since then, he has held several positions before becoming the Director of Gifted and Talented in 2012.

As a virtual classroom teacher at PA Cyber, JoAnna Taylor teaches high school students American Sign Language as a second language. She has been in education as a teacher and coach for 15 years.

"Teaching has always been a huge part of my life and my

identity. I believe students need positive connections to truly make learning meaningful, and I work to provide that connection for my students. We spend time in class not only on our content, but on each other—what's new, what's hard, what's happening in everyone's lives that they want to share. It really makes the students open up and feel comfortable making mistakes."

Outside of the classroom, Taylor runs ASL Club, Maker Club, and DIY Agriculture Workshop, and she attends field trips and other school events. She has set up an ASL Workshop Series with some of PA Cyber's regional offices so students in any grade can at-

Outside of work, she is an ASL interpreter in the community. "This adds depth and experience that I can share with my students as I teach them ASL. ... Being connected with the current Deaf Community allows me to share the newest relevant information with students. It also allows me to give them better advice on ways they can use ASL professionally in the future if they wish."

Taylor is mayor in the borough where she lives. She shares her experiences with her students to remind them that no matter what they choose to do, they can always decide to serve their communities by running for local government and making a lasting impact on the future.

As a public school, PA Cyber is open for enrollment to any school-age child residing in Pennsylvania. Students receive all the technology they need to get fully connected. To discover customized learning opportunities for your child, visit pacyber.org or call 724-643-1180.





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Call (724) 643-1180 or visit pacyber.org to discover new K-12 learning opportunities waiting for you at the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School!

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# Clay-Battelle Health Services

#### CLAY-BATTELLE HEALTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

he National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recently announced that both of Clay-Battelle Health Services Association's community health centers have sustained their Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patient experience of care and reduce costs. This recognition commends Clay-Battelle Community Health Center of Blacksville, West Virginia and Community Health Center of Northeastern Wetzel County of Burton, West Virginia for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships.

Clay-Battelle Health Services Association Chief Executive Officer, Rebecca Thomas, BSDH stated "At our health centers in Blacksville and Burton, we are honored to receive this recognition from NCQA as part of our continuing mission to bring the highest quality care to our patients and the surrounding communities."

Patient-Centered Medical Homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal providers/clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of multiple office visits. Each patient's care is overseen by care teams that coordinate treatment across the health care system. Research shows that this can lead to higher quality care, lower costs, and improve patient and provider-reported experiences of care.

Clay-Battelle Health Services Association first received National Recognition in 2013, and the highest recognition of Level 3 in 2016; Annual Recognition was received in 2019 and annually heretofore. To earn annual recognition, Clay-Battelle Health Services Association demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home.

"This recognition at both of our health centers highlights the level of personalized care that we provide to our communities in southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia," expanded Thomas. "We are continually evaluating our relationships with our patients and looking for opportunities to improve the delivery of services."

The first Clay-Battelle Health Services Association location was opened fifty years ago in Blacksville. During that time, the community health care provider moved to a larger, more patient-focused location, opened the Burton location, and expanded the services provided to its patients and their communities. Medical care provided includes primary

care, dental, and behavioral health care. Additionally, patients of the Blacksville location have the ease of filling prescriptions at the Clay-Battelle Pharmacy located next door.

"One of the key components of our medical care that many people don't understand is that we are able to provide these services to our patients without regard to their ability to pay because of our access to various assistance programs and resources," explained Thomas. "This means people do not have to put off their medical care and we can build healthy communities."

To learn more about Clay-Battelle Health Services Association, visit https://cb-healthwv.org/.





# McCracken Pharmacy

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

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

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

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

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





# **Prompt Quality Painting**

re you looking to freshen up your space? Do you feel overwhelmed roaming the paint section at home improvement stores? The process can be frustrating, but it doesn't have to. With close to 30 years of experience, Tim Frye, owner of Prompt Quality Painting, and his team can lead you in the right direction and transform your space.

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, drywall finishing, decorating, fire/water damage restoration, and historical restoration. We can help you with almost any home improvement

project you need!"

Additionally, they offer professional specialized services including inspections, sanitizing, disinfecting, water extractions, air scrubbing, remediations, and treatments for mold, bacteria, virus, and yeast. Their professional team can also handle, fire and water damages quickly and with great care.

Starting on March 16, customers can utilize the brand new design center. Their state-of-the-art design center allows customers to see their ideas in real time. Clients can try out different ideas to find the ones that works for them - change colors, styles, designs, layouts, and more to make the right choice for your home.

Prompt Quality Painting states that by being honest, treating people fairly, and frequently communicating throughout the process, their customers turn into loyal repeat clients. Servicing residential and commercial, and covering southwestern Pennsylvania, Morgantown, and West Virginia areas. If you would like an estimate call: (724) 825-8349, email: Pqp1@comcast.net or check out the website promptqualitypainting.com or Facebook page.



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# Transitional Paths to Independent Living (TRPIL)

ransitional Paths to Independent Living (TRPIL) has been serving individuals with disabilities in Greene, Fayette, and Washington county for over 30 years. As a Center for Independent Living (CIL), TRPIL provides five core services: Information & Referral, Advocacy, Peer Support, Skills Training, and Transition Services. Now, they're looking to bring even more support to the region.

In late 2019, TRPIL became an affiliate of Erie-based CIL, Voices for Independence. Established nearly 30 years ago itself, Voices for Independence began by serving Erie and the surrounding counties. Voices for Independence now serves a total of 27 counties across Western Pennsylvania, offering a wide variety of additional services, including Personal Assistance Services, Home Modifications, Nursing Home Transition, and more.

In addition to the aforementioned services, there are also a variety of additional programs that are available to the public, including Employment Services, which focuses on assisting individuals with disabilities on their journey of entering the workforce. Dedicated staff also work with those seeking to reenter the workforce after acquiring a dis-

ability. The Assistive Technology program allows certified staff to meet with an individual and troubleshoot issues relating to inaccessibility. Some of these issues may be resolved with a piece of 3-D printed equipment, or perhaps a voice-activated smart home device. Fitness and Wellness offers individuals the opportunity to develop an adaptive exercise routine and complete personalized workouts, using accessible equipment.

With construction nearly complete at their new program and community center in downtown Washington at 42 West Maiden Street, both agencies are excited as they plan for their grand opening, in which the public will be introduced to a brand-new facility, with all services located under one roof. Renovations made to the former YWCA building will allow for individuals with disabilities to visit the center and not only meet with staff, but also partake in adaptive workouts, cooking classes, and more. All of these activities will be accessible and made available to individuals with disabilities.

"We are looking forward to showing the region just what a Center for Independent Living can mean for people with disabilities that are looking to thrive-- we're also excited to go above and beyond in terms of not just the number of services offered, but the quality of services as well," said Steve Johnson, Director of Marketing for Voices for Independence & TRPIL. "This program and community center is not simply an office space for individuals to meet face-to-face with staff contacts. This building belongs to the commu-

nity and those we serve, and we are excited to breathe new life into its walls."

Voices
for Independence is always hiring caregivers throughout Greene,
Fayette, and Washington counties for their Personal Assistance
Services program. To ap-

ply to become part of their team, or to learn more about what Voices for Independence can do for you, simply visit www.vficil.org. To learn more about TRPIL and the services that they provide, please visit www.trpil.com. You can also call both agencies at their Washington office Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm, at (724) 223-5115.





### **Morris Machinery**

orris Machinery, located in Ruff Creek, is a family owned and operated business. Established in 1998, so they are celebrating 25 years of service this year! Rick Morris started the company selling preowned tractors and implements with the help of his father, H.L. Since then, Morris Machinery has grown significantly. In addition to offering preowned tractors, new and used implements and hay equipment, they now carry three tractor lines – Branson, TYM, and Zetor – boasting an impressive range of op-

tions from small utility tractors to heavy duty farm tractors and agricultural machines. They carry a full line of Gravely Zero-Turns, Walk-Behind mowers, and JSV side by side vehicles. Their service department offers tractor parts and repairs on most makes or models.

Despite their growth over the last two decades, Mor-

ris Machinery remains a family affair. Rick's three children – Kelley, Samantha, and Ben – proudly continue to help on the family farm and at the family business. Previously his sister, Rita, was an invaluable business manager. The employees have become family.

Morris Machinery is committed to providing high-quality, reliable service to their customers throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Visit them today at 823 Dunn Station Road, Prosperity, PA 15329 or give them a call at 724-852-1060.







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Founded in 1996 as a family operated quarry, the Lake Lynn Quarry is in southwestern Pennsylvania near Morgantown, West Virginia. For over 25 years, they have provided PennDOT, WVDOH and ODOT

approved materials to construction and energy customers located in Northern West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and eastern Ohio. Arcosa Aggregates - Laurel is driven by growth in these local communities, and supply the foundation for roads, hospitals, homes, schools, and other essential infrastructure needs. As it expands, Arcosa Aggregates- Laurel plant retains the same core values and inherent commitment to community and environmental sustainability since our founding.

Arcosa Aggregates - Laurel aims to provide you with superior service and unmatched reliability through meaningful relationships with your entire project team, from site workers to office staff. They offer a variety of crushed stone guaranteed for job site satisfaction. Their experienced sales team and lab tech can answer any questions you may have regarding gradations and application.

For more information about the quarry and the products and services they have to offer visit www.Arcosaaggregates or to place orders call the scale house at 724-564-5099.



# WVU Medicine Primary Care in Waynesburg provides close-to-home access to WVU Medicine's network of specialty and subspecialty care

Establishing a primary care physician and having regular check-ups is an important step in managing a person's health.

The WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center is committed to providing high quality primary care close to home for patients of all ages, including infants, children, adults, and seniors. For non-emergency medical care, primary care providers are an essential part of the healthcare team. They specialize in diagnosing, treating, and helping to prevent a wide variety of conditions.

The 15,000-square-foot clinic is conveniently located off exit 14 of I-79 at 451 Murtha Drive. The facility includes 30 exam rooms and six procedure rooms. Lab and diagnostic services are also provided.

#### PRIMARY CARE EXPLAINED

At WVU Medicine Primary Care, patients can choose from the following practitioners:

- Family medicine providers, who care for patients of all ages, including infants, children, adults, and seniors;
- Internal medicine providers, who see only adults and:
- Pediatricians who focus on children's health.

Primary care providers get to know their patients, their history, and their family history; can recommend screenings; and can identify and treat many minor problems before they become major ones.

For patients experiencing any undiagnosed symptoms or medical concerns, a WVU Medicine primary care provider should be the first point of contact for improved well-being.

They provide a variety of services to help improve and maintain health, including but not limited to:

- Physical exams
- Vaccinations
- Routine lab work
- Management of chronic diseases, such as diabetes and high blood pressure
- Cancer screenings

- Well-child exams
- Diagnosis of common and complex diseases of the respiratory, digestive, and vascular systems

#### **ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED CARE**

When patients need more specialized care, primary care providers at the WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center will coordinate a referral with a WVU Medicine specialist or subspecialist, some of whom conduct appointments onsite. They will work together to provide the best possible medical management of their patient's condition.

Specialty services offered at the clinic include:

- Dermatology Heart and Vascular
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
   Optometry
- · Orthopaedics · Pain Management
- · Podiatry · Urology · Wound Care

Available diagnostic services include:

- · Cardiac and vascular imaging · EKG
- Lab testing Ultrasound (coming soon)
- X-ra

# REFERRALS FOR PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY AND SUBSPECIALTY CARE, TOO

Pediatric patients requiring a higher level of care can be referred to the new WVU Medicine Children's Hospital, which provides the greatest range of pediatric specialty and high-risk maternal care in the region.

It is a fully integrated facility that provides specialized, high-level care in areas such as cancer, comprehensive heart care, craniomaxillofacial surgery, dentistry, gastroenterology, neurology and neurosurgery, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, otolaryngology (ENT), pulmonology, surgery, trauma, and urology.

# FINGERTIP ACCESS FOR CARE TEAM COMMUNICATION, APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING, AND MORE

Primary care patients at the Waynesburg Outpatient Center can join the more than 350,000 WVU Medicine patients who manage their health needs with MyWVUChart, WVU Medicine's secure, online patient portal.

#### With MyWVUChart, patients can:

- Manage and schedule appointments. Request appointments and look up information on previous visits. Online scheduling is available for primary care providers.
- · Refill prescriptions. Request refills on medication prescribed by WVU Medicine doctors.
- · View test results. Most lab results (excluding sensitive labs) can be viewed within days.
- · Communicate with their care team. Send secure messages and photos to providers. Generally, answers are received in one-to-two business days.
- · Pay their bill, view statements, and make payments online for hospital and physician services.

#### LOCAL CARE BY LOCAL PROVIDERS

One of the most important characteristics about the providers at WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center is that they live in the community they service and develop relationships with their patients that sometimes stretch across generations.

"I've served the community as a physician for 25 years now and joined WVU Medicine when this clinic opened in 2019," Dr. Donley said. "A lot of my patients have known me for a long time, and I know them and their families."

"We want to make sure that this is a place where our patients can feel comfortable talking to us about their medical needs. We want to be approachable and relate to patients on their terms."

The clinics at the WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lab services are available 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.





### Your first step when you need routine healthcare services.

Providers at the WVU Medicine Waynesburg Clinic specialize in diagnosing, treating, and preventing a wide variety of conditions for both children and adults. Conveniently located off exit 14 of I-79, clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.



# **WAYNESBURG OUTPATIENT CLINIC**

**WVU**Medicine.org/**Waynesburg** 451 Murtha Dr, Waynesburg, PA 15370





### **Knights Farm Supply**

lan now for the 46th Annual Spring Open House at Knight's Farm Supply in Glen Easton, West Virginia: March 23, 24, & 25. Knights offers some of the best pricing of the year and excellent financing opportunities on tractors, implements, equipment and everything else a busy farmer or gardener needs to get ready for spring.

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

It's a great opportunity to see new models and talk to factory reps, even watch demos. And an opportunity to save big on all parts for equipment and implements from New Holland & Massey Ferguson, Krone, Woods, Echo, Shindiawa, Land Pride, and others. Place your parts order by phone or email NO LATER THAN MARCH 20TH TO RECEIVE 10% OFF PARTS. Orders received after March 20th or during Open House will not receive as large a discount as those placed on or before MARCH 20th. So be sure to call or email in your parts order early – to receive the maximum savings.

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

Knight's also carries popular product lines like: Baumalight equipment; Danuser Equipment; Sitrex; Crop Care Sprayers; Del Morino Tillers; BMC Fertilizer Spreaders; Wallenstein Products; Blue Diamond Attachments; Winco Generators; JBM Hay Haulers and Bale Wrappers.

Spring Open House also brings discounts on supplies like New Holland & Massey Ferguson oil, baler twine, net wrap and sileage wrap, wire, fence supplies and more. The treated poplar 1x6x16 fence boards will be on sale for just \$11. Yellow pine fence posts (3-4X7) just \$6.50. You can't find a better source of livestock feeds, supplements and show supplies than Knight's, including Weavers, Purina, Nutrena, Moormans and Kalmbach feeds.

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

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

Don't wait to order your parts - Call your parts order in by March 20th, and they'll have it ready for pick up at Open House with the 10% discount. Call 304-845-1525 or 304-686-2525 or email your parts order to missy@knightsfarmsupply.com. You can also text your orders to 304-281-5112.

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