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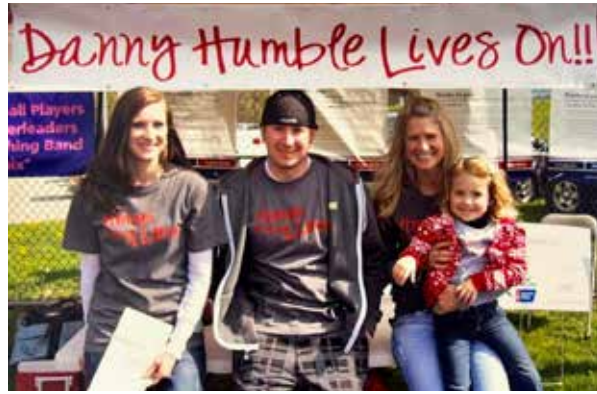
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SHINING THE LIGHT

By Colleen Nelson

In Isaiah 11:6 ESV it says, “The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together and a little child shall lead them.”

From a certain child’s point of view, this verse just might include that child carrying a lollypop and a little black box!

It was Communion Sunday, August 7, 2022 when then ten-year-old Karmyn Szweczyk (pronounced Sheftic) started passing out lollypops to parishioners as they came through the front door. Sometimes she even raced to the side door to make sure she didn’t miss a single soul, member Dianne Gaffney tells me with a delighted laugh.

“Wow! It was such a surprise! Every one of them had a bible verse fastened to them. It was amazing! The verses are random but they seem to speak to us personally about something we’ve been thinking about or dealing with. Almost like a fortune cookie. And she’s been doing it every month on Communion Sunday.”

“She types them out herself,” mom Kristin adds from her seat at a pew. We’re sitting in the chapel of Oak View Global Methodist Church on Oak View Drive, Waynesburg, reliving when the youngest child of this congregation found the vision to lead her church family on a new mission. The mission: to make sure kids around the world have a bible to read, written for children in their native language, and in a way that a child might understand.

Which is where the little black box comes in.

“She leaves it on the table by the front door... and people put donations in it and there are posters on the bulletin board showing where they’ve gone,” Dianne’s husband, church treasurer Richard Gaffney explains. Some of the regular Sunday tithings are pledged for the bible mission and some members mail in their donations of support.

To date, this new mission project has raised more than \$9,000 from church members. Bibles have already been mailed and delivered to several countries and organizations the church has contacts with, he tells me. I look at the paper Karman shyly hands me that describes her faith, her mission and where her kids’ bibles have gone so far: “Guatemala, Iran, Ukraine, India, China, Prison Missions, Greene County CASA.”

What is her favorite Bible verse? “John 3:16.”

I notice another question her mom wrote to help her do her first interview: What is your favorite Bible story and why? She’s left it blank, so I ask her. Karmyn thinks about it, an 11-year-old seventh grader now, surrounded by her elders, all eyes on her. She hesitates, blinks, straightens her shoulders, and says “David!”

Pastor Brian Long grins. “He was a kid too, you know,” he tells her. “The armor they gave him was so heavy it he could barely stand up!”

Karmyn’s eyes sparkle, she grins back, and suddenly, a kid’s bible makes perfect sense.

I’ve already heard the story from Dianne about the meeting she held at church last June. She was the new mission leader, ready to do something different. But what? Karmyn and her mom were there, and the adults talked about what they were already doing. “Collecting for the Food Bank, Angel Tree type things for shut-ins, Super Bowl Kettle where we take donations during the Super Bowl, Blanket Sunday—our last one we sent blankets to Ukraine,” Dianne remembers. “Then

I said something about doing something new and Karmyn stood up and it kind of fell out of her. Not everyone has a bible and everybody needs to have one she told us. She wanted to help kids all over the world get bibles. My husband and I have already done that a few times, just on our own, passing out bibles in front of stores, talking to people. Sometimes people would ask us to pray with them if they were going through some personal crisis. To hear her say it was amazing because it was what I was thinking, too.”

Understanding what kids think is part of the job Dianne still does part time. She uses her master’s degree in psychology to teach foster parenting classes and do therapy for kids caught up in the foster care system.

She also remembers going to Claylick Methodist Church as a kid and the family wraparound good feeling from those old country churches that closed in the 1970s as flocks dwindled and upkeep became an issue. Dianne was there to help build a new flock in 1978, too. That’s when the Morrisville United Methodist Church, now a dentist’s office, and Claylick, now a private residence by the county tennis courts, merged to become Oak View United Methodist Church. She was still attending in 2000, when the mortgage was ceremoniously burned. “It amazed me at how fast we were able to do that.”

Dianne attended other churches as her life and career unfolded but found herself drawn back to the Methodism of her childhood when the pandemic hit in 2020. Suddenly, “[n]obody was going to church. I felt myself being drawn home.”

When Dianne called her mission meeting together last June, there was a fresh crisis unfolding as Methodist churches nationwide contemplated disaffiliation from the United Methodist governing body. As Karmyn continued passing out her lollypops every Communion Sunday, her elders debated their next move. When their pastor Rev. Susan Hoover retired in June, they cast their vote to disaffiliate.

“We prayed for three months for a new pastor and during that time, we took turns leading the sermons. I’ve taught classes and preaching is teaching, isn’t it? It really brought us together like family. We worked together and we’re all so comfortable with each other now. When Pastor Brian came to us, he fit right in. The first sermon he preached was like an audition. We liked it and he signed the agreement that day. The next week he brought his family and his belongings up from Washington, WV and moved into the parish house.”

We’re still sitting in the chapel as the sun gets ready to set, laughing and talking about Waynesburg’s upcoming Christmas parade on December 2.

“The church is so behind what Karmyn is doing. When the Chamber asked us to be in the parade, we were all so excited. It



L-R: New Pastor Brian Long of Oak View Methodist Church and parishioners Karmyn Szweczyk, Dianne Gaffney, Kristin Szweczyk and Richard Gaffney showing their latest mission to bring children’s bibles to children worldwide.

was like it went viral!” Dianne says. “The church is so behind what Karmyn is doing. We’re having a float with a grandma on it in a rocker. She’ll be reading the nativity story to children and we’ll be walking beside the float, pulling little wagons and giving out children’s bibles!”

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VETERANS CORNER

By Alex Hughes

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE GREENE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

For some, November is known for Veterans Day. For some, November is a time to celebrate what we're thankful for on Thanksgiving, enjoy delicious meals with our families, or to prepare for the holiday season. But for others, it's a time to honor those who have served our country with Veterans Day. But honoring veterans isn't a one-day thing in November. November also serves as National Veterans and Military Families Month, an entire month dedicated to remembering and honoring the sacrifices that both veterans and their families make daily.

One November event coming up combining both veterans and a delicious meal with friends and family is the Veterans Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast is on Saturday, November 18 from 8am until 10am at the Greene County Fairgrounds in the 4H building and it will be down on the bottom floor. The breakfast is open to any veterans interested in attending and enjoying a good breakfast. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage as well to eat and enjoy. Plenty of beverages, including water, juice, and coffee, will also be available.

The event is being organized by Together with Veterans Greene. Together with Veterans Greene focuses on suicide prevention for rural veterans. The program started in Greene County in 2021 to combat the raising suicide rates of veterans, especially the higher number of rural veterans. They do whatever they can

to reduce the number of suicides in Greene County.

The goal of the organization is to reach these veterans before it is too late and help them out of any bad times. Much of their preventative measures include social gatherings for veterans. They hold a coffee event on every second Saturday of each month for a chance for veterans to get together, connect with other veterans, and talk to other people.

If the Together with Veterans Greene organization can save and help just one veteran dealing with depression or having suicidal thoughts, it has played an important part in the community. Events like the pancake breakfast build the necessary connections needed to save that one person -and many others.



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Tens of thousands of volunteers from local churches around the world partner with Samaritan's Purse to provide children with these shoebox gifts. In Greene County, community members and churches are filling shoeboxes for these children. The shoe boxes are divided by sex and age: 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 9-14 years.

Greater Purpose Team Ministries, a charge of six United Methodist Churches located in Jefferson, Rices Landing, Fredericktown, Denbo, Howe and Roscoe, is just one of the many church organizations participating in the event. Since 2010, when they filled 62 shoeboxes, they've spent the early portion of the holiday season gathering items and packing the shoeboxes. From those original 62 shoeboxes, their annual donation has increased each year.

If you'd like to participate in Operation Christmas Child, you needn't be a member

of Greater Purpose Team Ministries. Other churches and community members can participate by filling the shoeboxes and taking them to the drop off center during drop off week. You can drop off filled shoeboxes off at the drop off center located at the First Church of the Nazarene located at 115 Deerfield Lane, Waynesburg, PA during national

collection week of November 13 - 19. After the weeklong collection, the shoeboxes will be on display at the First Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, November 19, where they will be blessed by the pastor.

Last year, the Greene County Collection site received 3,145 boxes from local churches and individuals.

This church will box everything the shoeboxes up, load them onto a truck, and deliver them to the Bible Chapel in McMurray. There they will be taken to a Volunteer Processing Center in Baltimore, Maryland to be checked for inappropriate items. Inappropriate items are replaced. The boxes are then sealed with tape and shipped to special children all over the world.


The community continues to work together with a common goal in mind and make each year more successful than the last. The work would not be possible without the generosity of our community members the volunteers needed to help with the boxes, transportation, and more. If you are interested in helping Greater Purpose Team Ministries, please contact Susan Christopher with Greater Purpose at susanc14@windstream.net. If you'd like to help at the collection drop off site, please contact Julie C. Gatrell with the First Church of the Nazarene at 724-833-3387.



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Cool at School: West Greene School District

By Tracy Horne

Most of us associate November with Thanksgiving, expressing our gratitude whether it be for our own identified blessings, or the blessings bestowed to others. This story of gratitude from some Greene County's younger residents, a group of sixth grade students from West Greene school district. These students collaborated with Blue Star Mothers and a project called "Bubble Gum Tales".

Shelly Richardson, the sixth-grade math teacher at West Greene, was approached by Betty Jo Black, who is part of the Blue Star Mothers organization. Betty Jo asked Shelly if her students would be interested in providing encouraging letters to send along with the care packages that the organization was preparing for the upcoming holiday season. Shelly shared that the district encourages the students to participate in service projects, but this project was one that personally hit home for her, having family that were service members. It also reinforces the lessons that the students have had about events such as 9/11 and the yearly assembly in honor of Veterans Day.

So, the concept of Bubble Gum Tales was birthed. The premise was that the students would write a funny story about a life event that has happened to them within the past

few months of school. The students (51 in total spread throughout separate classroom periods) did some brainstorming and came up with ideas about what it was they would share with the military folks. Not only did they each write a funny story, but they also took the opportunity to write a note thanking the soldiers for their service. But how did it get the name Bubble Gum Tales? The students were permitted to chew bubble gum while they wrote their stories and sent bubble gum to the soldiers so they could chew as the read – a pretty cool exchange!

The students took full ownership of the project, and the amount of empathy demonstrated by the students was amazing. Sometimes we think our kids don't get it or are too young to

understand, but then they show us how much they truly do realize.

At the end of the project, each student had a photo of them taken blowing a bubble (or attempting to!). You can check out more of these photos on the West Greene's page. Some students were so motivated they asked if they could write additional stories.

Shelly said she hopes they will continue to support this project, because, at the end of the day, not only were the soldiers receiving something special, but she felt that the students got a lot more than what they gave.

Calvin Coolidge said, "No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave!"



Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AN EARLY IMAGE OF CARMICHAELS

Carmichaels is, and always has been, one of the more significant towns to exist in Greene County. At times in the past, it was known as Carmichaeltown, and it serves as the major “urban” center of the eastern portion of Greene County.

Once swamp land and an area that was scattered with small lake, the Native Americans first called that region home, but from the mid 1600s to the second half of the 18th century the land was largely vacant.

Thomas Hughes patented a track of land where Carmichaels now stands, which he called old town. In 1780, he traded that land to James Carmichael for a parcel of land in what is now Jefferson, and Carmichael would move to “Old Town.” James Carmichael is the man that gave Carmichaels its name.

When the town of Carmichaels was laid out, the town square was the focal point, and everything spread from there, with Market Street running north and south, and George Street running east and west. The square was first known as “The Diamond” and all the original lots bordering it were given a frontage of 50 feet and ran 100 feet deep to a narrow alley.

In 1853, Carmichaels was incorporated into a borough at the Court of Common Pleas in Waynesburg and the first election of

official was held in 1855.

The image shown here is from a small CDV or Carte De Visite photograph made of a sketch of Carmichaels. Both the sketch and the photographic image of it date to around the time of the Civil War and was produced and sold by Rogers Photography. The image is small, just a little over 2 inches by 4 inches long and shows a view of Carmichaels with the Greene Academy as a major focal point in the foreground.

The Greene Academy began life as an Episcopal Church built around 1790. A cemetery was once located behind the building, but now many of the markers are gone. This cemetery was the final resting place of the very James Carmichaels for whom Carmichaels is named. In 1810, a brick extension was added, and the building became the Greene Academy, the first institution of higher learning west of the Allegheny Mountains.

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Going **Greene**: FOX HUNTING IN 1912

By Matthew Cumberledge

It happened in Carmichaels, in the early winter of 1912, although the actual date has been lost to history. A group of men and their mounts came down from Pittsburgh to have a fox hunting meet-up with many of the local old timers from Cumberland Township. Hunting for necessity and sport had long been a tradition in rural Greene County and the sophisticated Pittsburgh folks were in for a surprise.

The morning of the hunt, wealthy gentlemen paraded around the town square in Carmichaels in regalia befitting the nobility of the English countryside and were greeted with the gaze of awe from the residents. Soon thereafter, an aged and rugged Greene County gentleman by the name of James Flenniken, called by many “Daddy”, arrived in drab clothing and with an insignificant grace in attire, but his lack of grace was reduced by a great sense of class and humble confidence.

Now, the men with their mounts and hounds were all assembled, the rules of the hunt had been defined, and it was time to head to the hunting fields. Immediately a wily old fox was stirred from his gaunt refuge, making way for a chase across the hills and valleys of the countryside. The scene could have come right out of an 18th century novel. “Daddy” Flenniken stayed to the rear, giving preference to the Pittsburgh noblemen.

The hounds carried on with the chase. Many hours were passed crisscrossing the glens and dales, and the riders scattered across the countryside. This was when Daddy chose his time to shine. Decades of partnership with his equally aged and rugged mount gave our hero an edge that no wealthy man from Pittsburgh could possess.

Daddy and his mount moved out to the front of the group, leading the pack with a glorious stride and good cheer, with the same grace and decorum exhibited by Henry V at the Victory of Agincourt. The fox chase was over, and the game had been won! In crystal clear hearing of the hounds, “Daddy” and mount locked down the fox and went in for the kill. One of the Pittsburgh hunters was recorded saying after the hunt that, “All was going well until an old man on an old plug stole the show.”

This old hunting story was related to Samuel Flenniken and is recorded in archives at the Greene County Historical Society, though few accounts remain of such adventures these were once the staple of our culture in times long sense past.



A pair of late 19th century, unidentified fox hunters.

Recent Events in Greene & Nearby

WU Haunted Lab



Waynesburg University's American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Chapter and the Department of Chemistry and Forensic Science held its annual Haunted Lab Friday, October 20, from 6 to 8 pm on the fifth floor of Stewart Science Hall. This event was free and open to the public.

"The Department of Chemistry and Forensic Science is excited to offer the Haunted Lab to the Waynesburg local community again this year," said Dr. Evonne Baldauff, chairperson for the Department of Chemistry and Forensic Science. "We hope that families will stop by to let their kids explore a wide variety of science activities."

This year's Haunted Lab featured activities on health and medicine hosted by university students and coincided with the 2023 theme of National Chemistry Week, "The Healing Power of Chemistry." National Chemistry Week, held this year from October 15 through October 21, occurs annually to promote the importance of chemistry in society.

Every year, the University's ACS Student Chapter is recognized for its community outreach efforts, like the Haunted Lab. Other efforts organized by the Chapter include the "Chemistry for the Future" event held for high school students to learn more about careers in chemistry and a laboratory program for local homeschool students.

Old Fashioned Halloween Party



Greene County Early Intervention and LICC presented a Good Old Fashioned Halloween Party on October 24 at the Greene County Fairgrounds. The event was free for the whole family. The first 100 families through the door received a free pumpkin, and families that pre-registered were entered to win a \$50 gift card.

The event was made possible by the charitable contributions of many community partners and sponsors, creating 39 stations for the children to visit. The stations provided trick or treat snacks, books, and other goodies. The children walked around in a parade, where they were judged and awarded prizes.

Denny House Ghost Tours



The historic Denny House in Waynesburg hosted ghost tours for three select dates in October. The tours were led by Outsider Paranormal SWPA, a Greene County-based group that conducts paranormal investigations in the area. On Friday, October 20, local author Michelle Bowser was a featured guest.

Investigating with NAPS



On the first Friday and Saturday of November, the Greene County hosted the NAPS (North Appalachian Paranormal Society) team for paranormal investigations. On Friday, attendees enjoyed food from the museum's historic brick oven and spend the rest of the evening investigating with the NAPS team.

Saturday's event started with a paranormal workshop at 3pm, followed by a gallery reading by NAPS. As evening began, guests ate a dinner cooked in the historic brick oven and spent the last five hours investigating with NAPS. Both days were limited to only 25 people, ensuring a uniquely personal experience for the guests.

Carmichaels Trunk or Treat

The Carmichaels Trunk or Treat held at Wana B Park on October 28 brought children from all over Greene County to



enjoy a safe, fun trick or treat event. The 35 different trunks passed out treats to over 700 area children. Organizer Dave PLavi says, "We're appreciative of the community support for such a wonderful event."

Carmichaels Halloween Parade



The Carmichaels Halloween Parade was held on Sunday, October 29 at 3pm in the Carmichaels Town Square. The parade brought area children to walk along the street from Yoskovich Funeral Home to the town square, while showcasing their awesome costumes. The Carmichaels Area High School band led the parade in full costume, and the children paraded around the square, where they were judged and awarded prizes. Afterwards, all children attending received a treat bag. Trick or treat in Carmichaels and Cumberland Township followed.

Waynesburg Lions Club Halloween Parade

The annual Waynesburg Lions Club Halloween parade was held on Tuesday, October 31 at ...continued on page 16



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6:30pm. Attendees of all ages paraded through town in costume, with prizes awarded for the prettiest, scariest, and most original costumes in three age groups: preschool, kindergarten, and first through sixth grade. All participants received a treat bag at the end of the parade compliments of the Waynesburg Lions Club.

Halloween Spooktacular



On October 31, the Special Events Committee held a Halloween Spooktacular in downtown Waynesburg. Costumed participants employed by a business located within the borough limits registered and were judged on the courthouse steps in the morning, and winners were announced later in the day. Participants unable to meet at the courthouse were visited in their businesses.

Judges Allen Frye (Pront Quality Painting, Olivia Makel (Greene County United Way), and Mabel Jetten (Fruition Bowls & Brews) chose the following winners from the attendees: Best Group (sponsored by Prompt Quality Painting & Special Events Commission) - Clerk of Courts "Game Night at the Courthouse"; Best Individual (sponsored by Fruition Bowls & Brews) - Sarah Bish of First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County; Most Original (sponsored by Laick Design) - 5 Kidz Kandy & Fischer Antiques/Premium Cigars "You don't need it, you're bored". The winners received a prize pack including a medal, a check (Group \$300, and Individual & Original \$100), treat bag, and a certificate. The Most Entertaining, Clerk of Courts "Game Night at the Courthouse", received a decorative pumpkin and certificate. Congratulations to everyone!

Veterans Day Parade



Julie Plasko (front) with co-Grand Marshal Linda Hagyard, and Lori Paletta Davis,

The annual Veterans Day Parade was held on Saturday, November 4 in downtown Waynesburg. Local organizations gathered along high street and paraded through town, honoring veterans across America. This year's parade featured a first: two Grand

Marshals, Linda Hagyard and Julia Plasko. The parade, started at approximately 11am, and featured the Greene County Honor Guard, military vehicles, car and motorcycle clubs, a visit from Santa and more. A horse drawn carriage escorted the family members of the area's Gold Star veterans. Following the parade was an after-celebration at the Greene County Fairgrounds with music and refreshments. If you were unable to attend, a video of the parade can be viewed at greenevetsunite.us.

Veterans Day Honors at the Grange



The Harveys-Aleppo Grange Hall hosted a Veterans Appreciation event on November 2 at 7pm. Veterans of any of the U.S. Armed Forces were honored that day, and certificates and pins were presented to each veteran whose name was submitted in advance. Refreshments and finger foods were served. This year, the event was held in loving memory of John "Buzz" Walters.

WU & PA CareerLink Hold Greene County Job Fair

Waynesburg University partnered with PA CareerLink Greene County to hold the Greene County Job Fair event Wednesday, Nov. 1, on the University's campus. The event was open to all Greene County community members and University students.

Waynesburg University's Pathways Center has partnered with PA CareerLink Greene County before. Last year, PA CareerLink co-hosted the Healthcare Career Fair with the Pathways Center.

This time around, the job fair was open for all majors. According to Terri Cooley-Taylor, a PA CareerLink administrator, there were 41 different vendors in attendance. She said that a variety of industries were covered, including healthcare, business, social sciences and more.

"We've gotten some really positive feedback from the University students ahead of time," Cooley-Taylor said. "The community outreach was positive as well."

During the event, participants had "the opportunity to make meaningful connections and explore career opportunities" according to Sarah Bell, director of the Pathways Center.

Area Schools Honor Veterans with Veterans Day Programs

Area schools presented various programs over the days leading up to Veterans Day. Pictured are Carmichaels Area, Central Greene, Southeastern Greene, and West Greene. (Jefferson is featured on 19.)



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Nate Regotti Named to City & State Pa.'s Forty Under 40 List

McNees is pleased to announce that government affairs and grassroots advocacy specialist Nate Regotti was named one of Pennsylvania's most distinguished young professionals under the age of 40 by the commonwealth's premier multi-media government, politics and advocacy news organization.

City & State Pennsylvania's Forty Under 40 list features professionals in fields from health care to construction, higher education to estate planning, LGBTQ issues and union advocacy. Regotti, who has more than 10 years of experience in government services, relationship building and strategic communications, is a champion of broadband access across rural parts of the commonwealth.

He is the Pittsburgh-based member of the McNees Strategic Solutions Group, a full-service government affairs, grassroots advocacy and non-profit consulting team. Its lobbyists, government relations specialists, grassroots professionals and non-profit experts have the experience and relationships necessary to deliver results for the public sector, private sector and non-profit clients.

Regotti brings broadband service and opportunities to southwestern Pennsylvania by developing government relations strategies for clients and messaging their needs and views to elected officials and key stakeholders. He leverages his knowledge to help clients navigate the complexities of politics and government at the local, county and state levels. Active in the business community, Regotti regularly attends events hosted by chambers of commerce, civic groups and government entities to increase clients' visibility and foster connections.

This is the third year in a row that a member of MSSG was recognized for professional excellence by City & State Pennsylvania. Last year, Jessica Kemmerer, grassroots and political consultant, was named one of the commonwealth's most distinguished young professionals and in 2021, Katie Conter was named one of the top 50 political consultants in Pennsylvania.



WCHS Lions Club Students of the Month

The WCHS Lions Club Students of the Month for October are Karlee Hogue and Addison Blair.



Karlee Hogue



Addison Blair

Karlee Hogue is the daughter of Steve and Ericka Hogue of Waynesburg. Karlee has earned straight 'A's throughout high school. She is a member of the Volleyball Team, Student Council, NHS, Hope Squad, Spanish Club, Prom Committee, Alpha Beta, Yearbook, and TV Workshop. She has served as the president of student council.

Karlee has been the varsity volleyball captain for the past two years and is a three year letterman. She has earned classroom academic awards in math and chemistry.

Outside of school she is on the competition dance team at Inmotion. She also works there as an assistant teacher. In the summer Karlee works as a camp counselor at the EQT rec center.

In her free time Karlee loves reading, gardening, listening to music and working on her health and nutrition.

Her future plans are to attend Seton Hill University and earn a master's degree in Nutrition and Dietetics.

Addison Blair is the daughter of Charlie and Natalie Blair of Waynesburg. She has a 4.0 GPA. Addison has participated as a member of the Cross Country team, the Basketball team and the Track team. She also works on the Alpha Beta club, the Prom Committee, NHS, and Student Council.

Addison has been recognized as an All-County athlete for cross country and basketball and All-Conference in basketball. She is a three-year basketball letterman, three-year cross country letterman and two-year track letterman. She also represented her class as the freshman Cinderella Ball Attendant.

Outside of school Ms. Blair has volunteered her time as a coach with Little Dribblers basketball, a flag ceremony for the Veteran's Day Parade, and at the First Baptist Church soup kitchen. In the summers she has worked as a babysitter and as an employee of Greene County Recreation and Franklin Township.

Addison loves riding horses and is on the Seldom Seen Equestrian Team. She also enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and family.

Addison's future plans are to attend a four-year college and pursue a career in nursing.

Waynesburg U.'s MEd in Instructional Technology ranked a best online program

Waynesburg University's online Master of Education (MEd) in Instructional Technology was recently ranked a Best Online Educational Technology Master's Degree of 2023 by Forbes Advisor Education.

The University's MEd program was one of ten recommended by Forbes Advisor Education for educators looking to pursue a master's degree in educational technology.

"We are pleased to receive this recognition of the value of our Master of Education in Instructional Technology program," said Dr. Devon Bowser, Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies. "This program responds to the education profession's need for continued learning and advancement in principles of instructional technology by allowing students to quickly gain practical knowledge and skills through student-centered courses led by experienced educators."

To determine their rankings, Forbes Advisor Education uses a strict methodology, focusing on 16 data points in the following categories: credibility, affordability, student outcomes, student experience and the application process. For this particular ranking, 119 accredited, nonprofit colleges were scored on accurate data as of January 2023.

According to the Forbes Advisor Education site, the data pulled and sourced for their rankings come from a variety of resources, including the National Center of Education Statistics, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and other third-party sources.

Waynesburg's MEd in Instructional Technology is a 36-credit program that can be completed 100% online in as little as one year. Students have the option to pursue a Specialist Certificate within this program if they have a current Pennsylvania teaching certification. The program is accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

For more information on this ranking, visit the Forbes Advisor Education article at <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/education/best-education-technology-masters-online>.

RN to BSN Program ranked No. 5 best program by allnurses

Waynesburg University's RN to BSN Program was recently ranked No. 5 as a Top Ranked Program on allnurses' 19 Best RN to BSN Programs in Pennsylvania for 2024.

"The RN-BSN program is designed to deliver a comprehensive, flexible educational experience that takes into consideration the unique needs of the adult professional learner," said Dr. Sherry Parsons, chairperson for the Nursing Department, director of the Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Program, assistant professor of Nursing and director of Health Services at Waynesburg University. "Under the direction of Dr. Lina Hixson, students earn a quality degree that prepares them to advance their nursing career while learning from expert nurse leaders. Students surveyed identified the length of our program, curriculum and cost as three of the top reasons for ...continued on page 19

choosing Waynesburg University's RN-BSN program."

For their rankings, allnurses surveyed their readers to determine what they value most in terms of an RN to BSN program. The most valued factors included affordability, duration and flexibility, among others.

Waynesburg's RN to BSN Program is available 100% online and can be completed in as little as 12 to 16 months. It is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and applicants can transfer up to 85 credits into the program from their associate or diploma RN program. Based on the number of credits transferred into the program, credits for completion range from 33 to 39 credits. The cost per credit is \$400.

For more information on this ranking, visit <https://allnurses.com/programs/best-rn-bsn-programs-pennsylvania-r137/>.

Greene County Chamber of Commerce Announces 2023 Award Winners

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce will host their 35th annual Membership Banquet and presentation of the Distinguished Service Awards on Wednesday, November 15th at Valley View Farm in Waynesburg.

The Distinguished Service Awards are bestowed based on lasting contributions to community welfare, participation in civic organizations, evidence of leadership ability, success in vocation, personal and/or business progress, and cooperation with other individuals and organizations. (The award has no relation to work performed for the Chamber of Commerce.) Jack McCracken was the first individual recipient in 1988. Special awards have been presented from time to time over the years as well as posthumous awards. The Organizational Distinguished Service Award was presented from 2004 to 2015. In 2016 the McCracken Legacy Award was presented for the first time to First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County.

The 2023 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to more than one individual this year to begin a new tradition on the 35th anniversary of the award's inception. Receiving the distinction of a Distinguished Service Award this year are; Joseph Ayersman, Douglass Lee, Barbara Wise and Deborah Wilson.

The McCracken Legacy Award is awarded to a business or organization, having an operating presence in Greene County which has demonstrated ambition, profitability, growth, sound business planning, customer satisfaction and management of people; a commitment to social responsibility and exemplary community involvement; demonstration of a positive social and/or economic impact on the community and exemplary civic community leadership.

Receiving the 2023 McCracken Legacy Award is Waynesburg Milling Company.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce works with the business community to bring services and information to its members through meetings, newsletters, training seminars and networking gatherings. It also provides ribbon cuttings as part of grand opening celebrations for new member businesses in the county. The Chamber was once again ranked number 16 by the Pittsburgh Business Times on their list of "Largest Chambers in the Pittsburgh Region" with 365 members. The Chamber has made the list since 2005 when it debuted at number 23. The Chamber is proud of this ranking which reflects the dedication of the staff and the Board of Directors to growing a vibrant and thriving Chamber to serve not only the business community but the general population as well through events such as the Annual Downtown Waynesburg Christmas Parade which will celebrate its 85th year this December. 2023 marked the 33rd year that the Chamber has given a scholarship to a graduating Greene County high school senior who is going on to a two-year or four-year college, university, or trade school.

The public is welcome to attend the banquet and may make reservations by email by November

10, 2023 at info@greenechamber.org or by calling 724-627-5926. Cost to attend is \$40 per person and includes a catering meal, cash bar, entertainment and a basket raffle which will benefit the scholarship fund. Sponsorship opportunities are available and raffle baskets are welcomed.



2022 Distinguished Service Award winners Jack and Peggy Rock with Janice Blair-Martin (L) Chamber Board of Directors President, Melody Longstreth (R).

Carmichaels Area Board Members Honored

During a recent school board meeting, Lena Hannah, Member Outreach Manager from PSBA honored Board Member's Ken Ganocy and Ron Ferek (not pictured) with plaques for their 24 years of service; also mentioned were Lew May and Cheryl Voytek.



JM Cadets Participate in Area Veterans Day Parades

On November 4, 2023, five of the nine Jefferson Morgan Cadets participated in the Waynesburg Veterans Day Parade. Thank you to our Veterans. It was an honor to honor you in this parade. Jefferson Morgan Cadets participate in the Albert Gallatin JROTC Program. These students travel daily and are involved with several events during the school year. The mission of the Army JROTC is "To Motivate Young People to be Better Citizens."

Jefferson Morgan Cadets had the privilege of accompanying Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc., honoring our Veterans at also the Pittsburgh Veterans Day parade on November 11, 2023.

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Arts in the Community: *Patty Barna*

By Emma Bates

When asked what kind of art she primarily creates, Greene County native Patty Barna answers, “A little bit of everything!”

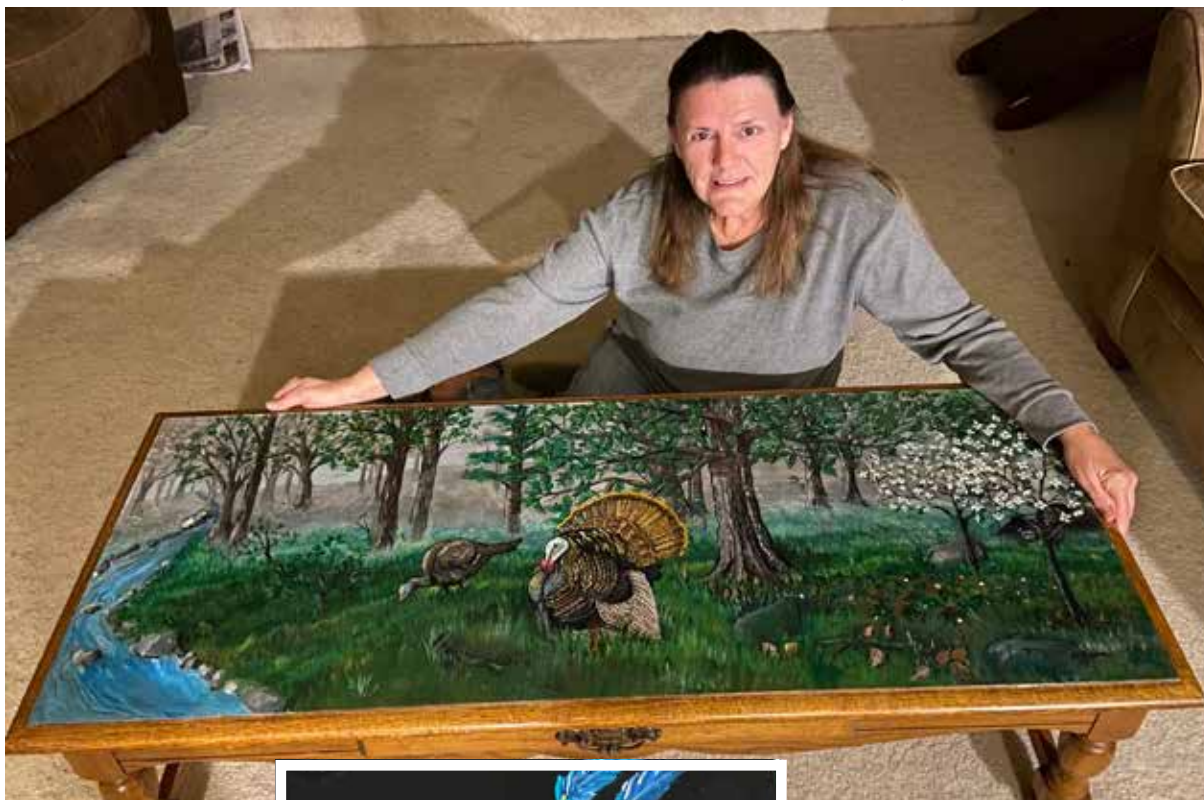
Since childhood, Patty has been making beauty in the midst of ordinary places. As a young person, Patty’s family owned and operated Barna’s Furniture Store, located near what is now the Sheetz gas station in Waynesburg. Patty has fond memories of watching her father, brother, and sister run the family business, and was especially inspired by the art of furniture refurbishment. Now, she incorporates this interest into her art career, in addition to many other techniques on her proverbial “palatte.” Patty is a jack-of-all trades when it comes to the art scene, using a variety of mediums, including watercolors, acrylic paints, pencil, and watercolor pencil.

Patty graduated from Waynesburg Central High School in 1975, but her art career didn’t begin immediately. After art school didn’t go as planned, Patty spent much of her professional life working in courthouses for the natural gas and oil industry, performing title searches and tracing ancestry to determine landowners’ property rights. This career allowed Patty to travel all over the United States, and live in a variety of locations, each with a specific artistic allure. As she traveled, Patty never lost sight of her passion for art, although she never quite had enough time to pursue it.

She enjoyed taking hikes wherever she was living, from Florida to Colorado, and everywhere in between—literally. One of her favorite places she called home was the small town of Imporia in southeastern Kansas. Patty recalls visiting the local zoo, and being inspired by all the animals there. She began taking photographs of them, as well as scenes on her hikes that she wanted to recreate later. Both travel and photography are still major hobbies in Patty’s life, and she enjoys photographing nature to further her art, as well as finding new hiking destinations wherever she goes. Patty especially enjoys visiting her three children, and four grandsons on her trips.

As a professional by day and artist by night, many of Patty’s masterpieces were created in hotel rooms throughout the country. She jokes that her art schedule was sporadic in those days. It didn’t matter if the clock read midnight or noon— if a sketch was unfinished, Patty had to get up and fix it. She explains, “my bed was in my studio once; I would get up early and stay up late. Art has always been something that makes me happy.”

Art is still something that makes Patty happy, and now, she finally has the freedom to pursue it full-time. “Once I retired,” she says, “all I had was time!” Patty’s favorite subject is wildlife, especially birds. She is often found doing a new sketch of her favorite bird, the peacock, as well as other feathered creatures like quail and eagles, although she has featured almost every bird in her artwork. When asked of her method for creating wildlife pieces, Patty replies that she starts with the eyes first, as this is where the personality of the animal really comes out. She always sketches lightly and comes up with a background early in the process, so the dimensions are accurate. Typically, she prefers to use a mixture of colors in the background instead of a full scene to not detract from the subject. Patty has never been a fan of oil paints, as they dry too slowly for her liking, and make it difficult to fix mistakes.



Patty typically does not create her artwork with a specific client in mind, but will occasionally paint commissioned pieces, such as portraits of people’s pets. Patty primarily displays and sells her work at craft shows. “You always have one person asking, ‘why not this?’” she says, chuckling. Patty always tries to have something for everybody, so she makes some of what she likes, and some of what she thinks will sell, like Christmas items that aren’t necessarily her preferred style. She also frequently donates paintings to charity events and Chinese auctions, usually giving two to be sold to benefit worthy causes.

As an artist, Patty is constantly growing in her skills. One tip Patty gives to artists in any stage of their journey is to be attentive to detail, and never stop asking questions. She constantly questions the “why” behind every brushstroke and feels that there is always something new to be learned, whether from nature, another artist, or even a small child. Seeing the



world from a new perspective is of great value. Experimenting is also an important part of being an artist. You can’t be afraid to try something new.

One experiment that turned out well for Patty is her refurbished furniture. Although she often sands and paints furniture to restore it to a traditional look, Patty enjoys dressing up these pieces by painting elaborate scenes on tabletops. “My favorite one is sitting right in front of me!” she says of a painted coffee table that sports a woodland bear scene. She is also partial to a beach themed table that she decked out in bold colors and designs. Even though this piece has yet to sell, she simply enjoys creating beautiful things.

Art isn’t just a hobby or a passion for Patty. “To me, it’s like an addiction!” she shares. “I like to see people happy. Watching faces means a lot, and little kids amaze me when they appreciate art.” She goes on

to explain that art has been what gets her out of bed every day, and that seeing others equally passionate about it is what keeps her going. One thing Patty’s mother told her that sticks in the forefront of her mind every day really applies to all of us – “Don’t ever let anybody tell you you can’t.” Patty’s art career is proof that your life is what you make it, and that with a little dedication and hard work, dreams really do come true. **Find Patty on Facebook or Instagram at [blackberrydesignart](#).**



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Free Christmas Dinner

The 6th annual free Christmas Day Dinner will be held on December 25 at the Waynesburg Eagles at 52 West High Street. The Eagles will begin taking orders on October 1. The dinner is available for eat in, take out, or delivery. The Eagles' goal is to deliver to all of Greene County who cannot attend in person. Dinner includes ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, egg noodles, macaroni/potato salad, gravy, vegetables, dinner roll and dessert.

Eat in and to go orders will begin at 1pm; deliveries will start at 11am. If you would like to order, please call 724-344-5527.

All Things Christmas Festival

The All Things Christmas Festival returns to the Carmichaels Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Carmichaels, PA on November 27 through December 2 from 9:30am to 7pm. The event helps raise money for the Cumberland Township food pantry.

Donations of decorated, themed Christmas trees, wreaths, crafts, baskets, and more will be displayed all week. Raffle tickets will be available all week in the Carmichaels Methodist Fellowship Hall. Tickets are used to select items that you are interested in winning. The drawing will take place on Saturday, December 2 at 6pm and winners will be announced live in the hall and on Facebook.

Each year, the Cumberland Township food pantry gathers all its resources to provide food boxes to those in the community. The food provides plenty for the holiday season and upcoming winter. With the new year approaching, funding to purchase goods becomes vital. Last year, the festival raised \$4,892 to support the pantry, their highest amount to date. This year the goal is \$5000.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the food bank during the event, please make all checks payable to the Carmichaels Methodist Church and include "food bank" in the memo section of the check. All proceeds go directly to the Cumberland Township Food Pantry. FMI please contact Nicole Baker 724-970-3276 or visit @allthingschristmasfestival on Facebook.

Musical Mikes Holiday Craft Show

The 19th Annual Musical Mikes Holiday Craft Show will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Carmichaels Area Elementary Center Gym. The Musical Mikes Holiday Craft Show features local artisans from Pennsylvania and West Virginia with hand-made crafts. During the day, there will be a Chinese Auction, concessions, and Christmas concerts presented by the Musical Mikes Chorus. Admission is free to the public. FMI or table registration, contact Erin Drury at edrury@carmarea.org. All proceeds benefit the Carmichaels Elementary Music Program.

Holiday Craft Blast

Shop for the season at one of Greene County's largest craft shows with an array of vendors from 10am-4pm on Sunday, December 10 at the Greene County fairgrounds.

The annual Holiday Craft Blast is hosted by the Nathanael Greene Community Development Center at the Greene County Fairgrounds on the second Sunday of December. FMI or to be a vendor, contact Mary Shine at shine201027@yahoo.com or download the application at natgreene.org.

Carmichaels Boosters Cash Bash

The Carmichaels Area Music Association is holding a cash bash on Saturday, December 2 at the Carmichaels Vol. Fire Company. Doors open at 5pm.

Tickets are \$25 each (guests are \$15) and can be purchased by contacting Jeanine at 724-366-5016 or Heather at 724-557-3555.

There will be games of chance, 50/50, and raffle baskets. Food and beverages will be provided. Must be 21 to enter. You don't need to be present to win, but there are additional cash bonuses for some drawings if present.



East Bethlehem Christmas Decorating Contest

Attention East Bethlehem Township residents. There will be a Christmas Decorating Contest during December. First place will receive \$200, second place \$150, and third \$100. Lights must be on December 13 and 14 at 6pm for judging and the winner will be announced on December 15. To enter, text your address to 724-984-0097.

East Bethlehem Christmas Parade & Light Up Night

The East Bethlehem Township Light up Night and Christmas Parade will be held on December 2. At 5:30pm, there will be a countdown to the light up and a Cocoa Crawl. The parade will start at 6:30pm and run along Front Street in Fredericktown. The best float wins \$500.

175th Anniversary Holiday Spectacular Concert at Waynesburg U.

Waynesburg University will kick off its 175th Anniversary celebrations with a Holiday Spectacular concert by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Brass Section in Roberts Chapel Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 7:30pm. Seating is limited, and tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

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Money Magazine names Waynesburg U. One of America's Best Colleges

Waynesburg University has been recognized as one of America's Best Colleges in Money's 2023 rankings. This year, for the first time, Money grouped colleges into one of six ratings, from 2.5 stars to 5 stars, instead of a numbered ranking. Waynesburg University received a 4-star rating. "Waynesburg University has a history of offering accessible, high quality, Christian education," said Waynesburg University President Douglas G. Lee. "This ranking reflects our commitment to that purpose."

Money's Best Colleges process starts with all of the four-year public and private non-profit colleges in the country, a group that totals more than 2,400. Of those, 736 colleges met Money's criteria and were ranked based on 26 factors in three categories, including quality (30%), affordability (40%) and student outcomes (30%).

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The third factor, outcomes, was calculated using earnings 10 years after college entry; College Scorecard employment outcomes; value-added earnings; graduates' earnings adjusted for majors; economic mobility index; and return on investment.

Earlier this year, Waynesburg University was recognized as a 2023-2024 College of Distinction for its continued commitment to engaged, hands-on education for the eighth consecutive year.

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DECEMBER

Holiday Open House
December 1, 4-8pm @Downtown Waynesburg. Visit the downtown visits, see Santa, enjoy a horse drawn carriage ride and more.

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

Breakfast with Santa at the Airport
December 2, 8-11am @Greene County Airport. \$15/person.

Breakfast with Santa at the Fairgrounds
December 2, 9-11am @Greene County Fairgrounds.

Mindful Movement
9:30am @Thisisthewaite Vineyards. \$12/each, mats provided. Every Saturday.

Waynesburg Toy & Comic
December 2, 10am-4pm @EQT REC Center. Vendors, artists, comics, celebrities, and more!

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10-11am @Bowlby Library. Weight management support group meets every Saturday. FMI: 724-627-9776.

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December 16, 7pm @Bowlby Library. Cost: \$88 and includes 2-yr certification and manual. RSVP required to 724-984-5702. Seating is limited.

Santa at Hoofprints & Angel Wings Horse Rescue
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Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

Never Let the Facts Get in the Way of a Good Story

I recently went on a guy's weekend with some old friends. It was one I had on my bucket list for years. We visited the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY and played some golf on either side of the pilgrimage.

We first played a course near Jim Thorpe, PA in the foothills of the Poconos. If you are not familiar with Jim Thorpe, it is an idyllic little town that is swamped by tourists year-round. Quaint restaurants and shops line the street, and an old-fashioned train takes visitors for a tour around the surrounding mountains.

Until 1954, the town was named Mauch Chunk and known only as the site of trials and hangings of the Molly Maguires, a

radical labor group in the early 20th century. However, a clever borough manager struck a deal with Thorpe's widow to bury the famous athlete there, erect a monument to him, and change the name of the town. (Even though he had never stepped foot in the town) The move ended up being a stroke of commercial brilliance. The ensuing recognition led to a financial and cultural renaissance in town.

We then headed to Cooperstown, which I learned was named for James Fenimore Cooper's father. There is a monument to the great author near the center of town. Many of the shops and streets are named after characters and titles in Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. (The Last of the Mohicans is the most famous of the Tales)

However, most of the main attractions obviously revolve around baseball. This small town the size of Carmichaels became the center of the baseball universe because it was the home of Abner Doubleday, the inventor of baseball. I overheard a guide telling his group that Doubleday was also a Major General in the Civil War and fired the first shot at Fort Sumter. That fascinated me, and I wanted to know more. During my research, I discovered Doubleday had also helped build the cable car system in San Francisco.

Obviously, he was a very impressive man. However, the part about him inventing baseball was complete malarkey and another example of not letting facts stand in the way of a good story that can lead to tourism. According to John Thorn's book *Baseball in the Garden of Eden, The Secret History of the Game*, Doubleday had nothing at all to do with baseball at any point in his life. I checked multiple sources, and they all agreed the origin story was pure fantasy. Doubleday died in 1893 and at no point in his life did he ever claim any association with the game.

Baseball had been played in various locations in different forms for 100 years. There were variations among the New York, Massachusetts, and Philadelphia games. Eventually, the New York game became the "official" one because of the press coverage and public relations that came with the largest city. However, many still claimed that baseball was a descendant of the English game of rounders.

This claim upset Albert Spalding. Spalding was an outstanding player and owner in professional baseball's earliest days. He is credited with being the first player to wear a glove. Although he is in the Hall of Fame as a player, he is probably best known for the sporting goods company he founded.

However, Spalding's biggest influence on the game may have resulted from the commission he founded in 1908 to determine baseball's origins to prove it was America's game. After two years of hearings and research that did not go the way he hoped,

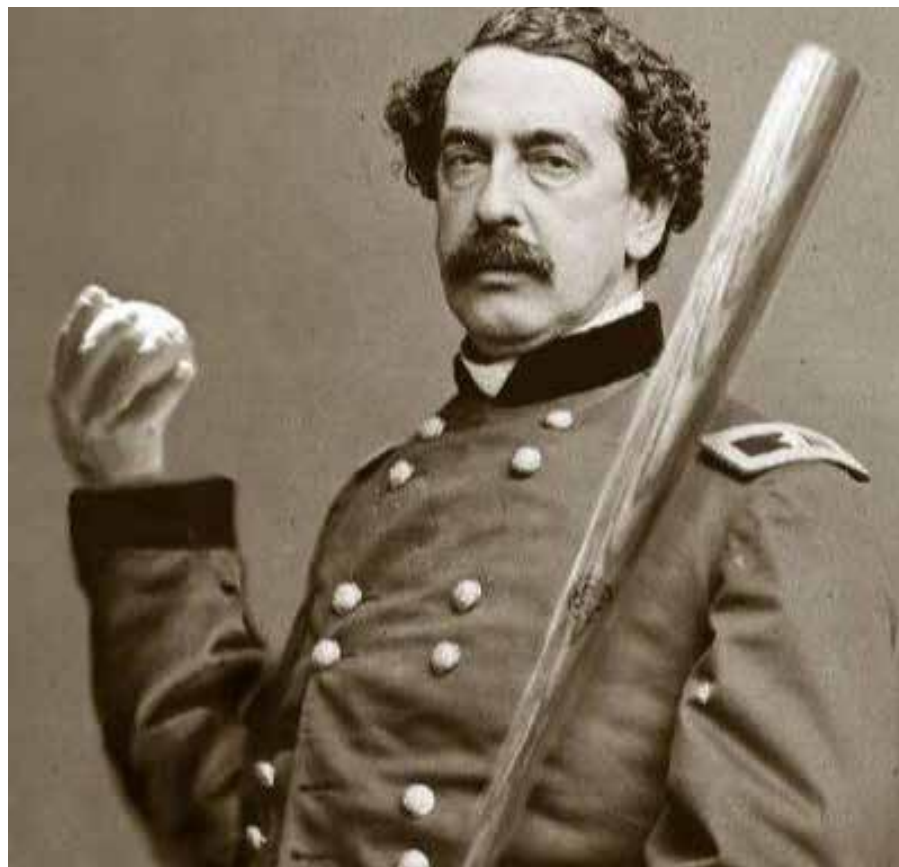
*Bret Moore is the Director of Recreation for Greene County. He taught English and coached multiple sports at McGuffey High School for thirty years. He is also the author of **Rough and Ungentlemanly Tactics**, a two-volume history of sports in Greene County, available at Direct Results and McCracken Pharmacy.*

a frustrated Spalding called on a star witness who had "been there when Doubleday invented the game." His name was Abner Graves, a Cooperstown native.

Graves testified the game was created in 1839 by Doubleday near the field that is now named for him. The only problem is Doubleday was away at West Point at this time, and Mr. Graves was committed to a mental institution shortly after his revelation.

This type of pseudo-historical tourism has been around forever. The 12th century monks at Glastonbury, England claimed to have found the graves of King Arthur and Guinivere (although they were fictional characters) to ignite a tourism Mecca that still exists today in the city.

There are lessons to be gleaned from these examples. People want to believe in things even if the facts and reality are only tangentially linked. The voice in *Field of Dreams* was correct, if you build it, they will come. Even though I now know the truth about Cooperstown, I do not regret spending a dime of my money experiencing a "romanticized" version of Americana.



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CGST's 8th Trivia Contest, presented by the Central Greene Scholarship trust and the Greene County Chamber of Commerce, to support local charities and student scholarships was held on October 14th at the EQT REC Center. Twelve teams participated, and over 120 people were in attendance. This year, The Brass Menagerie, playing for the Central Greene Scholarship Trust, finished in 1st and won \$1000.00 for the Central Greene Scholarship Trust's scholarship fund. The Brain Trust finished 2nd and won \$500.00 for the Central Greene Education Associations Scholarship Fund. The Wednesday Walkers finished 3rd and won \$250.00 for the Children's Rescue Initiative. Thanks to the support of the community and to all of our sponsors listed below, the Central Greene Scholarship Trust will again offer nine scholarships to graduating seniors in Greene County for the 2023-2024 school year.

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BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE MONTH



Aydan Adamson is the son of Shannon and Shawn Adamson. He is a senior member of the basketball, baseball, and football teams. His football accomplishments for this season include WPIAL Tri-County South All-Conference Team and the GCADA All County Team. In school, he is a member of the Penn State Fayette & United Bank 4.0 Club, Peer Leaders, the National Honor Society, Leo Club, Senior Standing Committee, and the Big Brother / Big Sisters program. Outside of school, he is an altar server for St. Matthias Parish, a member of the Greene County Allies travel baseball team, and volunteers at the local food bank. He has a job at Keystone Posting/TLM. Aydan also at-



Daysha Skolnekovich is the daughter of Debora and John Skolnekovich of Carmichaels. She is a member of student council, senior standing committee, and the school's new cross country team. In her spare time, she maintains a job and enjoys spending time with friends and family. After graduation, Daysha plans on attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to major in Interior Design and minor in business. She hopes to one day own her own Interior Design business.



Breydon Woods is the son of Brandi and Derek Woods. He is a member of the football team and the track and field team. In football, he has been a 2x All-Conference player, Team MVP, Lee Baker Award winner, and All-Conference Offensive Player of the year. He also recently became only the second Raider to rush for over 4,000 career yards. In track, he has been the freshman team MVP, 2x 110mHH section champion, and a PIAA qualifier for the 200m. He is also a part of the school's record setting 4x100m team. His plan is to attend WVU and obtain a degree in engineering.



Karlee Hogue is the daughter of Steve and Ericka Hogue of Waynesburg. She is a member of the volleyball team, NHS, Hope Squad, Spanish club, prom committee, Alpha Beta, yearbook, and she serves as the president of Student Council. Karlee has been varsity volleyball captain for the past two years and is a three-year letterman. She made the Section 3 All-Star team in 2022 and 2023. Outside of school, she is on the competition dance team at InMotion. After high school, Karlee plans to attend Seton Hill University and major in Nutrition and Dietetics.



Brennen Crawford is the son of Ashley Lampe of Rutan and the late Donnie Crawford, along with stepfather Virgil McNett. He is a junior and participates in football and is going to wrestle this year. In school, Brennen is a member of the Academic League, Quiz Bowl, SADD, and the HOPE squad. He enjoys fishing and the outdoors.



Emily Stokes is the daughter of Adam and Diane Stokes of Jacktown. She is a junior and participates in cross country, cheerleading, and runs track and field. She is an active participant in the EMS program at Greene County CTC. Emily also volunteers as a Little League Baseball coach in the summer



Four Waynesburg Soccer players were named All-Section this year. They were (L-R): Ella Miller, Bryn Kirby, Lake Litwinovich, and Kaley Rohanna. Miller was also named to the All-WPIAL Team. She finished the season with 26 goals and 12 assists.

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With Thanksgiving right around the corner, the turkeys are hiding in this month's GreeneScene! Find the hidden turkeys throughout this issue and send us your answer. One random winner from the correct answers will win \$50! (The turkeys in the contest entry don't count!)

On what pages are the turkeys hiding?

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The Hunting Hills Hawkeyes are a youth clay shooting team based in Dillner, PA of Greene County. They have had a tradition of shooting excellence. Hunting Hills has had several other National Champions and many successful accomplished shooters in its history, but no shooter has ever won multiple

National titles. In 2023, Rookie Division shooter AJ Diamond (age 11), representing the Hunting Hills Hawkeyes, registered five National SCTP Championships (three Individual- Sporting Clays, Skeet, Doubles Skeet and two Team-Sporting Clays & Skeet) and was the High Over All (HOA-sporting clays+skeet+trap) Rookie Men's Division. He broke scoring records for Rookie Men's Division in several disciplines. He also won the PA State Championships individually in both Sporting Clays and Skeet, as well as PA State Rookie Team Skeet Champion and PA State Rookie Team Runner-Up in Sporting Clays.

AJ also has a severe congenital hearing loss. In the summer of 2022, he met the owner of TETRA Hearing, Dr. Bill Dickinson and his life was changed. AJ struggled being able to hear his teammates and coaches while competing from a combination of hearing loss and use of hearing protection. Dr. Bill is an audiologist who invented Tetra, a device to protect and preserve a shooter's hearing while still being able to hear conversational speech. Over the next year, AJ blossomed in both school and in competitive shooting culminating in an unbelievably successful season through hard work, determination, passion, and persistence.



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CARMICHAELS CROSS COUNTRY'S INAUGURAL YEAR STARTS STRONG

By Zack Zeigler



While serving as a member of the US Army from 1994 to 2004, Elizabeth Popielarcheck was accustomed to running long distances. Nineteen years later, she is bringing her love for long distance running to Carmichaels Area High School as the Head Coach for the new Carmichaels Cross Country team. It was a project that took over a year to complete, but the Mikes have hit the course and put together a strong showing during the 2023 season.

"It started this time last year," Popielarcheck says. "I was pestering the gym teacher about how to start a program and he said if we could pique student interest, we can do it. I would talk to the kids during lunch, free time, any moment I could to explain to them the cross-country team. Eventually, we had 22 students interested, we were board approved by April, and I was board approved in May."

Once the program was board approved, it was time to get to work. It began with summer training. The team would meet at 7:00 or 7:30am at the football field, with the initial 22 students interested. However, as training went on, Popielarcheck saw half of her students drop out as they experienced the pain that comes with long distance running. In the end, she had 11 students, two boys and nine girls, that entered the season.

"The beginning was trial by fire," Popielarcheck says. "When you are starting out, running isn't fun; there is a lot of pain involved. Our first scrimmage was on August 28 at Washington Park and we received such tremendous support. Even our competitors were so gracious, and everyone cheered for

everyone. We had great parent support, and there was such comradery not only between our team but our competitors as well."

After that initial scrimmage, the team had events every Thursday from August through October 3. Throughout that time, Popielarcheck saw a growth in her runners with every race. In the beginning she said that everyone was right around the same pace, but as the season went on there were a few runners who shined. On the women's side, Aislinn Lindermann came into her own, while the men were led by Landon Brown.

"In the beginning, everyone was running at about the same pace. However, they continued to keep pushing themselves to keep going and I'm so proud of the whole team. The team is such a good group and to see where they are compared to where they began is incredible."

With the inaugural season in the books, Popielarcheck and the Mikes are looking to add to the cross-country ranks. They have a series of recruiting techniques for kids in the Carmichaels Area School district as Popielarcheck hopes Carmichaels Cross Country stays strong now and in the future.

"The big thing right now is recruiting interest for our team. We have met with eighth graders in an assembly and had all of our runners talk about the team. We are also reaching out to our kids during our "Mike Period" and giving them a chance to experience running to see if it is something they would be interested in. We had two boys and nine girls this year and we are looking to continue to grow our team now and for the future."

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SCORING				
Player	Total	TDs	2XP	1XP
C. Brady (WG)	90	14	6	0
J. Lampe (WG)	86	13	8	0
D. Dehoet (JM)	86	13	8	0
C. Basceglia (JM)	82	12	10	0
B. Whitlach (WG)	78	13	0	0
B. Woods (WC)	78	13	0	0
H. Guseman (JM)	74	11	8	0
E. Griffin (M)	70	11	2	0
J. Stephenson (WC)	60	10	0	0
P. Durbin (WG)	40	2	0	28
B. Evans (M)	38	6	1	0
L. Donaldson (C)	38	6	1	0
J. Woodward (JM)	34	5	4	0
C. Chambers (WG)	30	5	0	0
A.J. Vanata (M)	30	4	3	0
D. Taylor (WC)	30	0	0	30
J. Ricciuti (WC)	24	4	0	0
A. Adamson (C)	20	3	1	0
P. Burns (WG)	18	3	0	0
R. Gradek (M)	16	2	2	0
J. Mick (M)	14	1	2	4
W. Murray (C)	14	2	1	0
S. Burns (WG)	12	2	0	0
D. Huffman (WC)	12	2	0	0
A. Adamson (C)	12	2	0	0
J. Robinson (JM)	12	2	0	0
C. Fox (WC)	12	2	0	0
P. Hewitt (C)	12	2	0	0
M. Bauza	9	0	0	9
G. Kundry (C)	6	0	0	0
McKnight (M)	6	1	0	0
B. Yekel (C)	6	1	0	0
Husentis (C)	3	0	1	1
J. Mick (C)	2	0	1	0
J. Howard (M)	2	0	1	0
C. Pauley (WC)	2	0	1	0
L. Allison (WG)	2	0	1	0
B. White (C)	1	0	0	1

GREENE COUNTY FOOTBALL STATS



Top in Scoring: Colin Brady



Top in Passing: Houston Guseman

PASSING				
Player	Yards	Attempts	Comp	TDs
H. Guseman (JM)	988	93	60	14
J. Stephenson (WC)	855	98	62	7
L. Allison (WG)	814	99	46	16
A.J. Vanata (M)	645	87	44	9
L. Donaldson (C)	449	92	50	1
T. Crouse (WC)	128	22	13	0

RECEIVING			
Player	Yards	Catches	TDs
D. Dehoet (JM)	702	40	9
J. Ricciuti (WC)	442	28	4
E. Griffin (M)	254	13	2
C. Chambers (WG)	247	10	5
B. Yekel (C)	205	20	1
B. Woods (WC)	183	15	1
J. Robinson (JM)	178	8	0
J. Lampe (WG)	161	10	3
B. Evans (M)	145	11	2
S. Burns (WG)	140	8	2
R. Gradek (M)	130	13	2
J. Mick (M)	122	5	0
C. Fox (WC)	105	7	2
P. Burns (WG)	100	6	3
C. Bupka (C)	82	8	0
P. Durbin (WG)	81	5	2



Top in Receiving: Deakyn Dehoet

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RUSHING			
Player	Yards	Carries	TDs
B. Woods (WC)	1318	152	12
B. Whitlach (WG)	1223	124	13
C. Brady (WG)	1089	110	13
C. Basceglia (JM)	776	102	11
H. Guseman (JM)	697	81	11
J. Woodward (JM)	664	97	4
E. Griffin (M)	621	78	8
J. Stephenson (WC)	550	88	10
L. Donaldson (C)	461	109	5
A.J. Vanata (M)	424	98	4
W. Murray (C)	436	71	2
J. Lampe (WG)	383	82	10
B. Evans (M)	259	54	3
R. Tennett (WC)	194	29	0
R. Gradek (M)	179	30	0
D. Huffman (WC)	96	20	2



Top in Rushing: Bradon Woods

2023 GREENE COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

Unofficial Greene County Election Results (as of November 9, 2023). Mail in ballots can be received up until November 14, 2023.

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Township Supervisor Greene Township

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Township Supervisor Whitely Township

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Township Supervisor Dunkard Township (2 Year Term)

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Township Supervisor Wayne Township (2 Year Term)

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School Director West Greene 2 (4 Year Term)
Randal Kennedy

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Year Term)
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The Denny House Welcomes New Innkeepers

We work together...and we still like each other at the end of most days," Andy Shaner says wryly about his wife and business partner, Leigh Ann. Together they've owned and operated Your Cookie Rookie for the past 14 years, a hugely popular local enterprise that originated from Leigh Ann's love of baking.

The couple is originally from Washington but have lived in Greene County for the past 24 years. Married since 1992, they've raised four children: Jacob, Emily, Zach, and Ben. Ben, the youngest and a freshman at Waynesburg University, lives on campus-officially making the couple empty-nesters (if you're not counting their two cats and their boxer, Isabella).

It was during a cookie decorating class at The Denny House (owned by Pam and Kent Marisa) that the idea of innkeeping came about. Leigh Ann says, "Pam said to me, 'I would love to have this going as a bed-and-breakfast, but I have no one to help me run it.'"

"Of course, my ears perked right up," Leigh Ann says with a wide grin. She loved the idea of working in the hospitality industry and felt that both she and Andy were well-equipped for the endeavor. After all, they were used to not just baking and decorating cookies, but cooking for the annual Father-and-Son and Father-and-Daughter camps held on their farm in Oak Forest for the past 13 years.

Leigh Ann's grandmother had taught her to cook and bake from scratch, but it was her late mother-in-law, Nancy, who Leigh Ann credits the most.

"His mom was my mom. She taught me the hospitality part of it. She just really wanted to help people... [she would] bake and do all kinds of stuff."

Andy agrees, adding "I can sew. I can bake... my mother always said, 'I want to make sure that you can take care of yourself if you can't find a woman to take care of you.'"

Leigh Ann says, recalling their youth, "Christmas Eve at Andy's house was a big event. The neighborhood would be invited. The tree would go up and they would decorate cookies. His mom would pick a couple of her favorite cookies and hang them on the tree."

Still, Andy was not thrilled with the idea of innkeeping when Leigh Ann first mentioned it to him. "Are you crazy?!" he'd replied, citing their already over-booked schedule.

"I got him warmed up to the idea," Leigh Ann says. During her first visit to The Denny House, Leigh Ann was "enchanted by the Victorian-ness...I had never seen anything like

it. I felt like, wow! And I immediately felt connected to the Denny sisters."

Unsure whether to move their cookie business to The Denny House, Andy explains, "We started praying about what we should do about the [cookie] business, because at that point we didn't know how that would work. How would it overlap? And so, we began praying about it...and we weren't getting any real clear answers...so I said, 'Okay, let's pray bigger. Maybe we're just not asking the right questions'...and so we began asking, 'What should we do?'... and then someone called - someone that we weren't expecting - someone that we've known for many years..."

That someone wanted to know if the couple would consider selling their recipe and business.

After that, everything pretty much fell into place. The Shaners and Marisas met for dinner and contract details were hammered out. "Pam was completely overwhelmed and happy," Leigh Ann says.

"I'm happy that we can go out [of the cookie business] while we're successful," Andy adds, "and not because we had to quit. It's still something that everybody wants. The new owners will already have a large customer base."

"We've really grown close to a lot of our customers over the years," he adds.

"We're part of people's experiences," Leigh Ann muses. "We're part of their birthdays, we're part of their weddings. And so, this is just a continuation of that. Now we're really going to be part of these people's experiences."

"I would love to see The Denny House as a place where the community of Waynesburg can come together for a relaxing, fun time with friends while celebrating the history of not only The Denny House, but the legacy of community that the Denny sisters built," she says.

"I would love to bring the history of The Denny House alive for those who visit and make this place a home-away-from-home for those who choose to stay," Andy says. "From home-cooked meals to soft towels, all to be en-

joyed amongst the period pieces of the home"

The Shaners will be moving from their Oak Forest home into the fully furnished apartment atop the Denny property's carriage house. They will remain involved with the Father-and-Son and Father-and-Daughter camps. Though they won't officially be working as the new innkeepers until the first of the year, you may greet them at the Denny House during the annual Waynesburg Holiday Open House on December 1.

"This is the correct choice for our lives now," Andy adds.




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Where is Santa?

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Santa and his helpers are bringing Christmas Cheer to southwestern Pennsylvania!

Santa's first stop in Greene County will be at the Greene County Historical Society's Christmas Open House on November 25 from 12pm to 6pm. Kick off the holiday season with a visit to the historically decorated museum, visit Santa, listen to live music, and enjoy the model train layout of the W&W Railroad, featuring a replica of the Wayne. While there, take a chance on raffle items, including the popular "Tree Raffle". The Christmas Open House will also be held on November 26, December 2, and December 3.

Next up on Santa's travels through the county, Santa will visit downtown Waynesburg on December 1 for Holiday Open House from 4 to 8pm. Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful and Waynesburg-Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company invite you to welcome the Holiday Season with the 15th annual Holiday Open House in historic downtown Waynesburg. The night kicks off the holiday shopping season complete with activities and a traditional tree lighting ceremony.

His first stop on December 2 is from 8am to 11am at Asher's at the Airport for Breakfast at the Airport with Santa. Enjoy breakfast, cocoa, a treat, a craft, and get your picture with Santa for \$15 per person. FMI, find Asher's at the Airport on Facebook.

Next, Santa will be at the Greene County Department of Recreation's Breakfast with Santa at the Greene County Fairgrounds on December 2 from 9am-11am. The Greene County Department of Recreation's Letters to Santa will be back this year. Children can write a letter to Santa and mail it to the Greene County Department of Recreation, Attn: Santa, 107 Fairgrounds Road, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Each letter must include a form filled out by the child's parent or guardian. The forms are located at www.co.greene.pa.us

under Parks and Recreation or on the Greene County Department of Recreation Facebook page. The deadline for letters is Friday, December 15. Children can also bring their letters to the

Breakfast with Santa at the Greene County Fairgrounds.

At noon, Santa will be visiting the Mansontown Brethren Church for Lunch with Santa. There will be gift bags from Santa, games, crafts, and treats. Kids 12 and under are free, and adults are \$5 each. Seating is limited, so RSVP to 724-433-3028 to reserve your spot.

After breakfast and lunch, Santa will head into downtown Waynesburg for the Waynesburg Christmas Parade at 2pm. The parade will travel down High Street, bringing lots of Holiday cheer.

Santa will arrive in Nemaocolin for a visit on Friday, December 8 at the first annual Nemaocolin VFD Christmas Light Up Night. Santa will arrive at 6pm, and there will be free hot dogs, popcorn and hot chocolate for children, and a Chinese auction and additional food will be available for purchase.

On December 9, Santa and the Grinch will be at The Denny House in Waynesburg for Lunch with The Grinch & Santa. The event will be held in The Denny House Carriage House at noon. The cost is \$25 per person and reservations are required; RSVP at 724-998-0243 or pam@directresults.us.

Also on December 9, Santa will be at the Ice Plant in Greensboro for Lunch with Santa from 11am to 2pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will join attendees for lunch. Adults are \$14.95 per person and children are \$12.95 each. Horse drawn carriage rides will also be available for \$5 per person. Reservations are required; RSVP to 724-943-4324.

On December 19, Santa will be visiting Hoofprints & Angel Wings Rescue in Graysville from 2 to 4pm. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, candy canes and raffle baskets. A community dinner will be served at Graysville Firehall starting at 5pm. Stop by after visiting Santa!



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9 WINNERS from 3 AGE GROUPS

Ages 4 & 5

1st - \$50

2nd - \$40

3rd - \$30

Ages 6 & 7

1st - \$50

2nd - \$40

3rd - \$30

Ages 8 & 9

1st - \$50

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During this holiday season, we take the time to reflect on the things that we value most and make our hearts smile, our most precious resource...our children.

Wishing your family a safe and healthy holiday season!

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER WITH THE WAYNESBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is making its final preparations for the 85th Annual Downtown Waynesburg Christmas Parade to be held Saturday, December 2 at 2:00pm. The execution of the parade is underwritten by West Penn Power, a FirstEnergy Company.

Nearly one-hundred entries are scheduled to appear representing schools, churches, civic organizations, and businesses from all over the county. The parade will consist of firetrucks, county high school marching bands, the James Randolph Kiltie Band, beauty queens, antique cars, scouting groups, horses, and floats.

Miss Rain Day 2023, Abby Ray; the Chamber's 2023 Distinguished Service Award winners, Joe Ayersman, Doug Lee, Barbara Wise, and Deborah Wilson; and the 2023 McCracken Legacy Award winner, Waynesburg Milling Company, will have the honor of leading the parade down High Street as it's Grand Marshals.

Talia Tuttle of Waynesburg will be opening the parade with the National Anthem on the courthouse steps. While the Pennsylvania 140th Volunteers, a civil war re-enactment group, presents the colors at the courthouse to officially start the parade.

The parade will begin at the corner of West High Street and Richhill Street, traveling east to Cumberland Street at St. Ann's Church, where it will end. Most of the parade units will use Cumberland Street, then left onto Naser Street where they will end in the County Parking Lot #1 and Waynesburg Borough Compound Lot #1 before stopping to disband. Some units will be assigned to turn right on to Cumberland to Greene Street while the floats will all be directed to stop just beyond the end of the parade route to allow participants to exit the float before it continues.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the top three floats, along with three honorable mentions and a top prize of Judges Choice, as well as those showing the Most Original, Best Design and Most Spirit. There is no central theme, but all entries are asked to portray the true Christmas Spirit. Float judging will take place prior to the start of the parade in the line-up area. All floats and other entries are reminded that no live Santa is permitted on any unit in the parade as he is the guest of honor at the conclusion of the parade.

The parade will be broadcast live on the Chamber's Face-

book page at www.facebook.com/GreeneCountyPaChamber. The broadcast will begin at 2:00 pm. Once again, WCYJ Television from Waynesburg College will be videotaping the parade for a later broadcast on local stations. WCYJ is a student operated television station under the direction of Department Chair, Dr. Richard Krause.

The parade unit numbers, and line-up parking locations will be mailed and emailed to all participants on Wednesday, November 22. The information will also be posted on the Chamber's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GreeneCountyPaChamber

Residents living around the parks are reminded that line-up will begin in that area at noon on parade day. The United Methodist Church Parking Lot, Hook Law Office Parking Lot, Belko Foods Parking Lots and both Baptist Church Parking Lots will be in use for line up and parking will not be available.

Parking is not permitted on the following streets between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm: Franklin Streets between West and Washington, Richhill Street from College to High, High Street from West to Porter and Cumberland



from Naser to Greene.

Several streets will be blocked off to traffic not associated with the parade starting at noon and ending at 4pm. Route 19 South traffic and High Street Traffic from McCracken's Pharmacy to the First Baptist Church will also be detoured beginning at 2pm. Traffic in the area will be detoured using West Street and Franklin Street. Traffic traveling Westbound should use the left lane turning left at McCracken's Pharmacy and follow the posted detour. Traffic traveling Northbound should use the right lane turning right at McCracken's Pharmacy and follow the posted detour.

Questions regarding the parade should be directed to the Chamber of Commerce Office at 724-627-5926.

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Small Business Saturday got its start over a decade ago when American Express introduced the new initiative as a way for small businesses to combat Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Those days are aimed at supporting big box retail, both physically and online, whereas Small Business Saturday encourages shoppers to think locally. Since it started in 2010, consumers have reported spending an estimated \$163 billion at small businesses across all 12 Small Business Saturdays combined*. In 2022, Small Business Saturday drove an estimated \$17.9 billion to small businesses, based on results from the American Express 2022 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey.

Every year, Small Business Saturday gathers more support from shoppers, communities, businesses, and Neighborhood Champions. Neighborhood Champions push and support the effort locally; Greene County's Neighborhood Champion is Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful.

Last year, American Express has partnered with TikTok to launch the #ShopSmall Accelerator. Small businesses can use this to become more effective marketers on the platform. This content hub provides small merchants tips, tutorials, and other tools, including a \$100 TikTok advertising credit offer for eligible small businesses with the goal of helping them reach a digital-first generation of shoppers on Small Business Saturday and throughout the holiday season.

Based on research from 2022, if every Gen Z and Millennial shopper spent \$10 at a small business on Small Business Saturday, it would support \$2 billion in local economic activity throughout the US. The study also found that \$0.68 of every dollar spent at a small business in the U.S. stays in the local community and that every dollar spent at small businesses creates an additional \$0.48 in local business activity because of employees and local businesses purchasing local goods and services.

If you can't make it out that Saturday, check your favorite businesses and see if they offer online sales. And no matter if you shop them in person or shop them online,

give your favorite local businesses a shout out online—it's one of the best ways to help spread the word in a digital age. Include hashtags #ShopSmall, #SmallBusinessSaturday, #SmallBizSat, #ShopLocal, and other similar tags to promote conversation about Shop Small Saturday and shopping locally.

We've got plenty of outstanding small businesses in Greene County and surrounding communities, and if you haven't been shopping small recently, they will pleasantly surprise you at the variety and affordability you're going to find. Many new businesses are opening in the area every year, and with the variety available, you'll undoubtedly be able to find that perfect something for someone special—or even just for yourself!

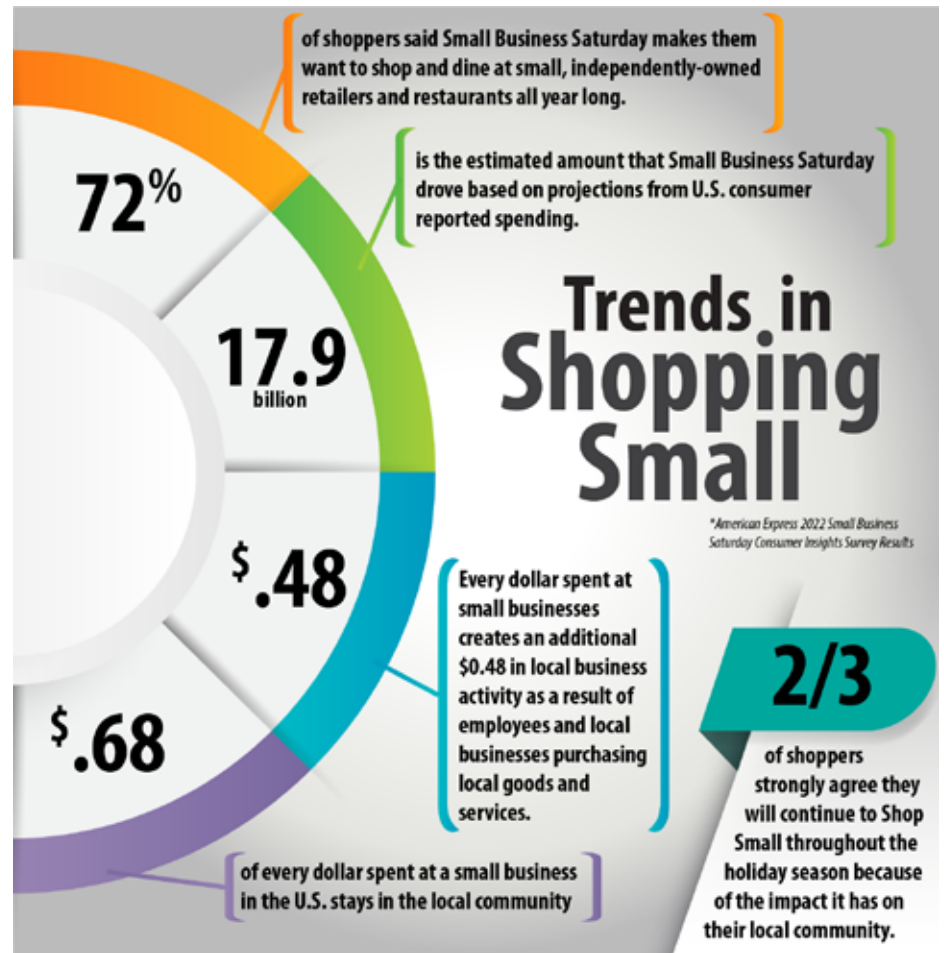
Discover local businesses on Saturday, November 25 by checking out the unique shops all over our little corner of Pennsylvania. You'll find a fantastic selection, exceptional deals, and one-of-a-kind customer service, everything you need for a wonderful shopping experience that you'll be glad to support year after year, all year.

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UNIQUE SELECTION OF MERCHANDISE

Small businesses often carry a much different selection of items than you will find in big box retail. You'll find items from other local businesses or items unique to your community.

CREATE COMMUNITY

Shopping locally builds community by creating connections, building a sense of camaraderie, and supporting our neighbors.

PERSONAL CONNECTION

Local businesses are owned by our friends, neighbors, and families. Repeated visits to local businesses will build a personal connection between customers and owners.

CREATE ADDITIONAL LOCAL JOBS

The more successful a local small business is, the more likely it is to hire additional staff. A thriving business community also brings in new businesses that will need staff.

BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Local stores source goods and services locally, decreasing their carbon footprint. Customers also reduce their carbon footprint due to less travel to and from their trip.

INCREASED EXPERTISE & KNOWLEDGE

Small business owners are often better informed about what they are selling. They often adjust their inventory to better meet the needs of the local customer base.

SUPPORT NONPROFITS

Studies show that nonprofits receive up to 250 percent more support from small businesses over big businesses.

BETTER CUSTOMER SERVICE & EXPERIENCE

Not only is shopping locally more convenient, you'll often have a better experience. Small businesses are passionate about their items and want to ensure their customers' satisfaction.

SUPPORT FUTURE GROWTH

Shopping locally helps make our communities grow. Successful businesses expand, hire more employees, and encourage new businesses to open in the community.

KEEP MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY

Sales taxes fund vital services in our communities. And local businesses are more likely to support and/or donate to local community initiatives.

LOCALLY-MADE PRODUCTS

Local small businesses are more likely to sell local products. Buying these items has a domino effect, helping multiple small businesses with one purchase.

LESS MONEY LEAKAGE

Local businesses tend to buy from other local businesses, keeping the money in the community and helping other local businesses.

NURTURE CREATIVITY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The American economy is founded on both of these ideals, and shopping locally helps nurture these and other ideals meaningful to our communities.

CREATE MORE CHOICES

Local businesses understand local needs and carry a wider variety of products suited to the area. And the more successful they are, the more choices they can carry for customers.

SMALL BUSINESSES ADD CHARACTER

Small businesses in your community make it attractive to shoppers outside of the community, bringing in additional money to community in multiple ways.

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Resources for SMALL BUSINESS

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

A Chamber of Commerce is an organization of business owners that works in the best interests of area businesses. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, "[y]our local chamber of commerce can offer visibility, credibility, support, and more for your new or growing business." Joining a local chamber of commerce helps you network with other businesses, provides important business resources, and more. Greene County Chamber of Commerce: greenechamber.org.

American Express, the founder of Small Business Saturday, offers The Shop Small Resource Hub for small businesses. The Hub offers free materials, tools, and services to help your small business thrive. They have marketing materials, including posters and social media posts, educational materials, and more. The Hub also offers a collection of services that have been curated by American Express that includes ways to connect with your customers, optimize your online operations, maintain, and order inventory and supplies, and more. Visit www.americanexpress.com FMI.

SHOP SMALL RESOURCE HUB

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Small Business Development Centers provide counseling and training to small businesses including working with SBA to develop and provide informational tools to support business start-ups and existing business expansion. The Duquesne University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers no-cost, confidential consulting services and training workshops in southwestern Pennsylvania to empower entrepreneurs and small business owners with the knowledge they need to start, grow, and prosper. Visit www.sbdcd.edu/ FMI.

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WHAT SHOP LOCAL MEANS TO MY BUSINESS...

Dave Plavi of Legendary Conventions says:

"Shopping small means that you're helping support a local family put food on their table, put fuel in their cards and gives them an opportunity to better the community. The business could be using a storefront, keeping it maintained and preventing it from potential deterioration, where in the modern world image is everything, when it comes to bringing in more business. That storefront could be rented, helping support the family that owns that location. It could employ local residents.

Shopping local helps me by keeping my business active and continually trying to improve the area's activities, keeping people close to home for entertainment.

I love serving the community because this is home. This community is where I will be and raise my kids. I want this to be their home and enjoy what the area has to offer."

Andy & Patty Rohanna of Gloria's Ceramics & Greene Gifts says:

"My business is right on Rt. 21 in Rogersville, but I hear the same remark all the time—"I had no idea what you had in here!" Small business Saturday brings in people who never take the time to drop in and see all the local items I sell. I like supporting the local crafters and artisans who don't like to set up at shows to sell their wares."

Arlene Nyland of Neen's Soap says:

"As a small home based business myself, shopping locally means I can continue making quality product at a reasonable price thanks to my loyal customer's. It means I can have a little jingle in my pocket to buy from other local small businesses. It means I'm contributing to our community. It may only be a small contribution, but it all adds up!"

WHY I SHOP LOCAL...

Nicole Whitlatch Jones says:

"I support small local businesses because when something happens to someone in the community, they are the first ones there to support & donate. We are putting together a fundraiser for my great niece who is battling epilepsy and several health issues where she has to travel for tests & care, lots of medical expenses adding up and many hospital visits trying to find out what's going on. I reached out to several of these small local businesses for raffle donations to raise funds for their family and the response is honestly overwhelming and very humbling. They are always in a community members corner fighting alongside the battle, where bigger stores can't do that, they aren't very personable, [you're] just another customer there, but to these small local businesses they treat you like family and help one another; it's truly amazing."

Duffy Clayton-Tennant says:

"They support us, we support them."

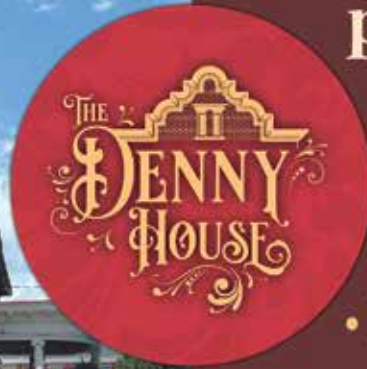
Kayla Martin says:

"Helps put food on someone else's table or buys a uniform for a kid or pays for medical expenses or needs of a family.

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- BUY LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS**
Look at local artisans for unique handmade merchandise, as opposed to commercially produced items. Find these artisans online or by visiting area vendor shows.
- VISIT VENDOR & CRAFT FAIRS**
Visit local craft shows. They're a great place to purchase gifts & handmade items. Funds from these events are also often used to support community initiatives.
- GIVE A GOOD REVIEW**
Write a review for your favorite businesses on social media. Online reviews are high stakes for local businesses, and a radiant review will attract other local shoppers.
- TELL YOUR FRIENDS**
Tell your friends and families about the small businesses in your area that you love to shop at.
- BUY LOCAL MEATS & PRODUCE**
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