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I Love this Community — GREENE & COALBIE



here are two things that Aaron Houser, Executive Director of Growing Up Greene, wants you to know. One: local kids removed from dangerous situations at any hour of the day or night now have some place safe and comforting to go while arrangements are made for their wellbeing. And two, when they get to this new place, challenge facing some families. they'll have a four-legged friend waiting to sav hello.

Welcome to Greene County's first Children's Emergency Overnight Housing Program. And say hello to Coalbie the therapy

This safe, comfortable place also serves double duty as the office of Growing Up Greene on 52 Church Street Waynesburg when it's not needed for sudden overnight how things operate in rural Pennsylvania."

Many families are already familiar with this multi-roomed, almost magical space that transforms itself into a department store extraordinaire during Waynesburg's Christmas Open House. When Church Street became Candy Cane Lane in 2023, elves from more than a dozen local nonprofits greeted 320 lo-

cal kids and their families. They came to the office to pick out coats, hats, gloves, boots, and other winter gear, compliments of Iron children re-Senergy's Children's Winter Gear Distribution, held by CASA (Court Appointed Special their homes Advocates) of Greene County.

But bundling up for winter isn't the only in hotels "un-

Making life better for kids in crisis in Greene County was something that Houser and his team of board members grappled with as CASA faced situations unique to the rural community they serve. More than a year ago, Houser said he realized the outreach needed was "handcuffed by the name and logo and limitations on expanded programming and national leadership that isn't familiar with

Houser and his board broke ties with the national organization (CASA) and became a provide local charity that continued to advocate for Greene County kids. Growing Up Greene was now free to expand programs essential to reducing the trauma of displacement. With no foster care group homes in the county and most out-of-county placements unavailable

hour intakes, moved from often end up der rotating supervision until appropriate placement can be found. Hotel rooms are psychologically sterile by design and not intended distraction

comfort children who have just been through a very traumatic experience," Houser said. Growing Up Greene was ready and able to do its part to solve this

Saying hello to the people Coalbie meets in her daily walks through Waynesburg with best friend Aaron Houser.

Read all about it in Coalbie's new book, available on Amazon.com.

(Search for COALBIE)

When two staff members at Children and Youth approached Houser last year about the need for emergency overnight housing for kids, Growing Up Greene worked with Snee-Reinehardt Charitable Foundation to provide partial funding, along with support from the Greene County CYS Advisory Board. County Commissioner Betsy Rohanna McClure helped with the remaining funds through Pennsylvania's PHARE Program, and Nate Walker of T&N Contracting got to work on the office complex to create this unique space for kids that is now available whenever said. there is a need.

But the brightest breakthrough for kids' mental wellbeing was the 2022 grant from the Staunton Farm Foundation that allowed Growing Up Greene to form an advisory committee to plan for a therapy dog program. This involved seeking expertise from members of the child-welfare community, school districts, and nonprofit program directors.

The committee joined forces with nationally renowned professor and local trainer Lyn Trapuzzano from Off Leash K9 Training to search for the right dog, based on professional input from the child welfare and education community. When Dr. Cynthia Chandler of the Consortium for Animal Assisted Therapy at the University of North Texas reviewed the committee's findings and gave a thumbsup, the search for the right therapy dog was on. CONSOL CARES, the foundation created to improve and strengthen the communities where CONSOL does business, is enthusiastically sponsoring Growing Up Greene's pilot "Pup Program" to curb childhood trauma.

What better place to find a dog to comfort displaced kids than the Greene County Humane Society, with its kennels of displaced dogs and puppies, anxiously waiting to be taken home?

"I knew in my heart we were doing something amazing when members of the committee were using words like foster, trauma, adoption and education to describe the dog acquisition," Houser said. "These are the same descriptions we use to measure child welfare outcomes."

The search for the special dog was surprisingly easy, Houser said. "From the time we met Coalbie at the Greene County Humane Society, she exhibited the temperament and traits that are desirable in a therapy dog."

That first meeting had its deciding moment when board Vice-President Keshia Weaver's four-year-old son "fell and scraped his knee and this eight-month-old pup ran up to him and didn't jump and play. She sat and put her head on his shoulder and he was crying. That's when we knew," Weaver said.

Trainer Trapuzzano is equally impressed with the now 15-month-old beagle mix, who spent much of her puppyhood being fostered at the shelter. "Her training helped to solidify her manners and skills, but the attributes that make her an invaluable resource to this community are her sensitivity and intuitive ability

to read people and situations."

Coalbie is already on the job during Greene County Dependency Court proceedings. She's ready to hang out with kids asked to step out of the courtroom and wait as the process unfolds. Now they have a "docile pup who is happy to lie across their lap, get her ears pulled and give them plenty of puppy breath while she kisses their hands," Houser

"Coalbie's desire to remain at a scared child's side can give them the confidence to ask tough questions and process the answers at their own pace," board president Scott Kellev agreed.

Coalbie's daily routine with Houser takes her out on the street to meet the public and into the offices of Children and Youth to cruise the bullpen where caseworkers do their office work. She gets her share of pets wherever she goes, Houser noted. "I did not anticipate how much help she would provide for the workers themselves, beyond the amazing reaction she has with the kids. Everyone seems to love her."

The walls are sky blue at the office, and the Kids' Corner room, once a relaxing place to wait while the adults were in court, has morphed to include bunk beds tucked against the wall and a television hanging from the ceiling when sleep is scarce. It feels like a super neat bedroom and there's room for caseworkers to keep an eye out all night unobtrusively. There's a fully equipped kitchen for making meals, a washer and dryer in another corner, and the new bathroom sports a shower. Artwork donated by retired Central Greene art instructor David Lesako is on the walls of the living room, with toys, huggables, books and games tucked into every corner.

This is the space Coalbie shares every day when she comes to work with Houser. This is the space she'll be sharing with kids when they drop in to spend the night. Houser notes that Growing Up Greene has its own Facebook page, and a book is now available on Amazon with Coalbie as the star. Illustrated by local artist Grace Black and edited by psychologist Ashlee Shafer, it tells the story of Coalbie's time in the puppy-welfare system, to connect with children facing the same challenges. Search for COALBIE on Amazon.com. All proceeds benefit Growing Up Greene's future projects.

You may never have to spend the night with Coalbie, or sit with her outside a courtroom door, but if you see her and her best friend Aaron Houser taking a walk around Waynesburg, be sure to stop and say hello.

For more information, go online to growingupgreene.org and stay tuned for more updates on how the child welfare system in Greene County is improving.





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GreeneScene of the Past By Colleen Nelson

there are no leaves on the Day parade in World War I Veterans Day parade in Waynesburg for trees. I'd say last month's issue, some of the details puzzled me. I wrote, "I look at the big wheel mounted in front of the poster. What was the meaning of this?" And what exactly was on the poster behind the woman? It was hard for me to tell with shadows from the wheel hiding everybody. what might be a face or a logo. Or both. Who

Thanks to John Cole of Waynesburg big push on. and Greene Connections, I've now been able to create a collage that helps bring this blast from the past back into sharper focus.

Cole was waiting for me when I arrived at Waynesburg Senior Citizens Center a few mornings after the Greene Scene arrived in his mailbox. We were both there to deliver Meals on Wheels but John had something special for me—and for those of us who, like me, have puzzled over these fuzzy details.

"It's a spinning wheel!" He told me as he opened up his copy of the story with my questions circled. "She's spinning. And look! You can see the needles on the poster behind her. I looked it up online." John unfolded another sheet of paper to show me the poster that he'd printed out in black and white. It was the serene face of a woman, gazing down at her knitting. This was the iconic poster that would lead the nationwide charge for the women—and everyone else—of America to the Library get busy knitting hats, socks, gloves, sweaters, washcloths and anything else warm and useful they could ply their needles to during the war years of 1917-1918. There was a great need for socks as winter approached and soldiers were stationed in wet muddy trenches on the front lines of "the war to end all wars".

Together we peered at the old photo that I'd shared last month, focusing on the partial image of the poster visible behind the spinning wheel. Now I could see the hairline and suddenly the random tones transformed into the woman's face. Below the darkness of the knitting was the faded word "help" just as the larger poster spells out "You can help," and below that "American Red Cross." We had a

"I love looking at old photos," Cole admitted. "I was reading your article and started looking hard and said, 'Hey, that's an old spinning wheel!' They were 'Knitting for Victory' for the Red Cross. There's a lot of information about it on the web."

Cole opened another sheet with information he'd copied from his browser. "The poster was done by Wladyslaw T. Benda. He was a Polish immigrant commissioned to do the art. And look at the shadows in the photo. You can tell the sun's low in the sky, and

erybody was The Salvation Army had a They'd send patterns, and

It would be a few more minutes before either of rememwere there to

at home, I texted Can-Lynn Buchannan, our local his-

John Cole help identify the almost lost details of the old photo I'd found in Greene Connec-

"I'm glad you found a photo using our subject index. I hope you find more!" she texted back. "We are working on an individual name index. There are lovely photos of Nella in better focus, if you want a better look at her. Here's a shortcut: https://hub.catalogit.app/4150/search/%22hoskinson%20 nella%20sophia%22

The parade photo is a unique candid for

Indeed, it is; shot off the cuff and out of focus, it is part of the Nella (Hoskinson) Baily collection, sandwiched in with a handful of other more formal family photos that exemplify the social coda of the late 19th and early

Clicking on the link Candice sent me, I found myself caught up in that other time, filled with images of Nella posing with her family as an infant, small child, older sister, loving niece, young debutante and even a college athlete looking over her shoulder in

You can help AMERICAN RED CROSS a swimsuit. Then later, as a grown woman, there's even a shot of her and her husband Ralford Baily. Freed from the post-Edwardian posturings, they're caught standing on the street together, stoic adults of the mid 1920s.

I chose this shot of Nella because it is closest to the age she would have been in the World War I era photograph on the float. It's fitting to see her in full focus looking back at us, her eyes telling us she remembers all the

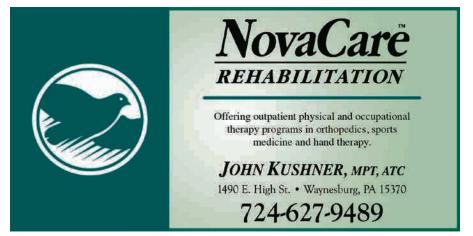
other details of that day we'll never know.

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Public Service Profile By Zack Zeigler Profile

EQT TEAMS UP WITH WAYNESBURG BOROUGH FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

With operations in the heart of EQT Corporation is always looking for ways to stay meaningfully engaged in the communities where their employees live and work. This past August they teamed up with Waynesburg Borough to help with jobs around

the community. In total, EQT volunteers devoted 176 hours to their work as they helped with several different jobs around the Borough.

"Our employees are always looking for opportunities and ways to stay actively involved in the community," said Ellen Rossi, President of the EQT Foundation. "An EQT employee took the initiative and reached out to other organizations in the Greene County community, which sparked a connection with the borough, who at the time needed volunteer support."

Once the connection was made, EQT volunteers got to the work, which included repairing the gazebo, updating electrical lines, and replacing water lines to the fountain. Along with these renovations, EQT was also able to go the extra mile by finding a vendor to donate a new fountain liner, which the volunteers were able to install. As members of the Greene County community, EQT values the relationship with Greene County and its leaders and always looks to strengthen those relationships.

"At EQT, we value the relationships we have built in our communities and believe it is our responsibility to be active and give back in meaningful ways," said Rossi. "It is truly at the heart of all we do. Volunteer opportunities such as this are truly meaningful to our employees and allow them to create strong connections with community members and organizations. It is incredibly



rewarding to be able to devote volunteer time during work hours while also getting to see the positive impact in the communities where we operate."

As a company, EQT and it's employees are always looking for different opportunities to volunteer in their communities. Connections like this between the company and Waynesburg Borough are the lifeblood of EQT as they try to get involved in the community they live and work. Each employee of the company gets involved in these community service opportunities as they contribute to the company's overall

"We are always looking for new volunteer opportunities and ways to contribute to the community," said Rossi. "Throughout the year, EQT encourages each employee to devote 20 hours of volunteering time, meaning every month we are finding ways to stay involved and give back."

With this and several other connections happening throughout the area, EQT continues to support several organizations around the Greene County area and they are always looking for the chance to help.

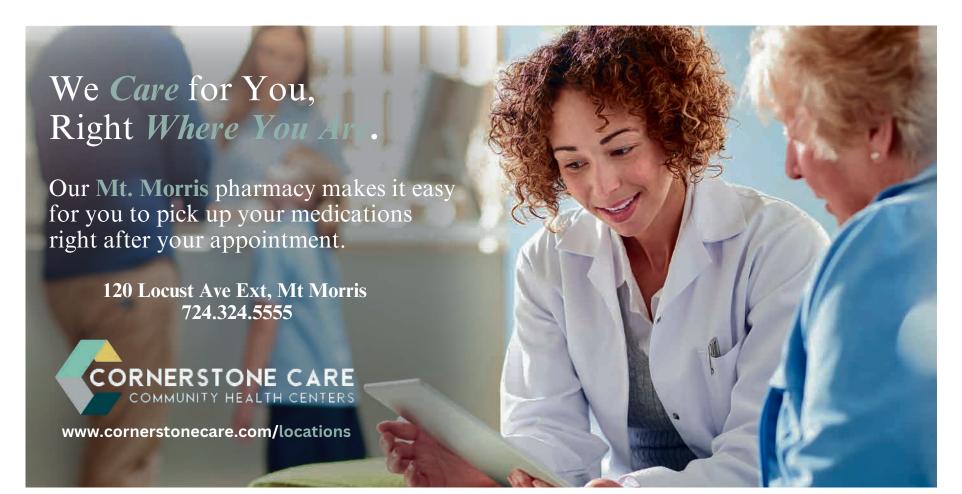
"The value of being involved in a connected community like Greene County allows us to collaborate, partner, and offer volunteer support on a consistent basis,"

To learn more about EQT's volunteer efforts, visit their website at eqt.com/com-









Cool at School:

Central Greene School District mit at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Four hundred Pittsburgh area students in

goal that most have only dreamt of: she played saxophone in the Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. Music has been a part of Piper's life since before she can remember, and she was extremely qualified to audition for the largest youth orchestra in the Pittsburgh area. It is made up of students from over 36 school districts, private schools, and home-schooled musicians in the

she was a year old when she started classes through Kindermusik. Kindermusik is a music program intended to nurture joy and confidence using the power of music. Piper began these courses in Colorado, where she was born. Sarah Wolfe, Piper's mother, was excited to share that Kindermusik classes are now offered in Waynesburg by Jodi Rohanna at In Motion Dance Studio.

Piper developed an interest in the saxophone in the fourth grade through the band program at Waynesburg Central Elementary School. The band is instructed by Mr. Jason Falvo. Piper chose to play the saxophone in part because several members of the family have played saxophone in various bands.

In fifth grade, Piper was chosen to play at the Crimson Hawk Elementary Band Sumthe fifth and sixth grade were gathered into four different bands. The students were given music to rehearse and perform later that evening. Sarah mentions several other local students participated in this event: Kaleena Humphreys played flute, Neveah Yeager

Piper auditioned for the orchestra after Piper's exposure to music started before Mr. Falvo encouraged her to try out. Auditions are held both in person or virtually. Because of a scheduling conflict, Piper auditioned virtually. The audition process requires that the musicians play a few assigned pieces of varying levels, several specific concert scales, and to perform a classical solo of their choice from a list of options.

played clarinet, Carter Mason played trum-

pet, and Lanon Hogue played percussion.

Piper was chosen to participate in the orchestra's Season's Celebrations Concert. The concert consisted of five ensembles that played approximately four songs each. Piper is in the Prelude Band Ensemble and they performed Wintertide, Oogie Boogie's Song, Sing We Now of Christmas, and Sugar Plum Samba. Family and friends filled the audience in support of Piper's December performance. Piper and her family appreciate all the encouragement she has received from the

ored to be a part of the Pittsburgh Youth Philand her mother Sarah shares how very proud that she and her family are of Piper's hard work and dedication to the program. She says that every October through April, Piper's band rehearses every Saturday for two hours. "It is a joy to see Piper participating and growing in something that she enjoys," Sarah says. Her regard for her daughter is so clear to see.

Piper will be participating in two more upcoming Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra concerts, one in February, and one in



By Michelle

Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS Executive Director A REMINDER OF THE LAST RUN

Tuly 9, 1929: the country was in the beginning of an economic recession that few knew at the time would wind up being the beginning of the Great Depression. In Waynesburg, folks were getting ready to plan and attend one of the early Rain Day July 29, 1918 as that anniversary neared.

But, on the ninth, the Waynesburg and Washington Railroad was about to make its final passenger service run. The automobile had been hitting passenger revenue hard on

the shorter lines, making it less feasible to continue short trip passenger service, and freight was the last vestige of business for small lines such as the W&W.

The engine known as Second No. 4, or 9684, made that last run with Harry Wood at the throttle. When it pulled into Waynesburg at 6pm that day, it was the end of passenger service on the line forever.

Second No. 4 is now housed at the Greene County Historical Society Museum as an integral part of the museum collection, as well as a rare survival of a small narrowgauge locomotive. A few other artifacts from that last run also exist. All the ticket stubs from the last run are housed in the collection at the museum, and the caboose lantern from the last run is also on display in the Waynesburg and Washington Railroad Room.

The caboose lantern was made by Dressell Lantern Company in the very early part of the 19th century. It is fueled by kero celebrations. And even a decade later, area sene and has red and clear lenses to idenfamilies were still mourning the loss of sev- tify the parts of the caboose when lighting eral local boys killed in action in France on conditions are poor. This lantern was not intended to be "bright" in the sense that it would cast illumination to see or work but was designed to be more akin to a taillight on a modern vehicle.



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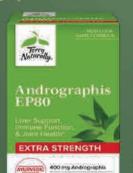
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Going Greene:

Tew years mean new beginnings, and for the Greene County Historical Society that means working on new projects to improve the building and open new, never seen areas. Nearly every time they commence, these projects shed light on an entirely new area of history pertaining to this historic structure.

Unfortunately, this history is often tragic. However, it is the hope of the Greene County Historical Society to preserve this tragic history and use it to remember and honor the people who once called our building home. Hopefully, this takes a tragic existence and turns it into a solemn and respectful memory. Perhaps even giving a bit of respect now, where little could be found in life.

The attic of the museum has never been open to the public, and recently the Greene County Historical Society has started a project to repair and renovate the attic to open it for the first time, and share the nature of

Greene County Almshouse, was suffering from severe people who lived there so very long ago, but telling their overcrowding. Designed to house 40 people, the institution was bursting at the seams with over 80 people; at and open the "window" to the stories that they may be times residents numbered close to 100.

Because of the burgeoning resident population, the attic was converted to living space It was a long narrow room, 57 feet long and nine feet wide, sparsely furnished with eight beds, and housed 16 men. In the early 1880s, inspectors from the state visiting the Almshouse

referred to it as a "Dark Den of Calcutta, a dark narrow room, poorly furnished with only one window for

During the Historical Society's work in the attic, however, it was learned that the state inspectors never checked to see if the window was operational. And, unfortunately, it wasn't. When the window was removed for restoration, staff learned the window was never designed to be opened. Both upper and lower sashes were designed to be permanently fixed in place, so those poor souls living in the attic in the dead of summer had no escape from the sweltering conditions. By 1880, a new wing was built onto the institution and the attic was no longer used for housing.

As restoration work continues in the attic over the course of the next year or so, the primary goal is to set it up as it would have been, or as closely as possible to honor the memories of those who once lived there. Un-By 1878, the Museum, then the home of the fortunately, there is no account of the names of specific story can serve as a reminder of the lives that they led able to tell.

Greene County has a rich history, full of both the good and the bad. Much of the minutiae of its history is still waiting to be discovered, similar to how the museum's renovations bring new discoveries to light.



Recent Events in Greene & Nearby





Christmas at Bowlby

The Eva K. Bowlby Library held a Polar Express Night prior to Christmas. The Children's Department put together a wonderful variety of activities suitable for all ages, and the library was decorated as the Polar Express. Attendees, optionally suited up in pajamas, built gingerbread houses at the event; these were put on display in the library's STEM room. Hot cocoa and cookies were also provided.

Prior to the Polar Express Night, the library held a Gingerbread House Workshop on Saturday and a Holiday Open House earlier in December.

The GCCTC Holiday Feast

On December 8, the Greene County CTC's Culinary Arts Department prepared

their annual traditional Christmas dinner for the public. The dining area was full of festive cheer, and diners had a wide variety of delicious foods to choose from, with three carving stations, salads, pastas, sides, and desserts served buffet -style for their \$15 ticket. If you missed out on this awesome annual tradition, keep an eye on the Greene County CTC's Facebook page for other events and for their announcement later in 2024 about that year's Christmas dinner.

Rockin' Around Christmas

WANB Greene County Gold's Doug "The Greaser" Wilson, took his audience back in time, to the 1950s and 1960s holiday season with his presentation, "Rockin' Around Christmas - Rock 'n' Roll Christmas Music of the '50s & '60s". Attendees gathered

Celebrating New Year's Eve Party at The Denny House.

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New Year's Eve Party

Community members rang in the new year at The Denny House's New Year's Eve Party on December 31 from 7pm to 1am. DJ Jonny Hartwell kept the party going with music, with an evening dinner by Angelos Restaurant. The new year was celebrated



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Good NEWS In Greene County

WCHS Class of 1960's Library Donation

The Waynesburg High School Class of 1960 held their 62nd reunion on Rain Day. Members of the class voted to donate monies from their treasury to the Eva K. Bowlby Library in honor of all the class members of WHS Class of 1960. Donations to the library were also sent by individual members of the class. Pictured is treasurer Kay Laskody and Chairperson Thomas Boyd are presenting a check on \$2,622,67 to Executive Director Kathy McClure.



WCHS Lions Club Students of the Month (December & January)



Ben Maxwell

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The WCHS Lions Club Students of the Month for December are Thomas Higley and Ben Maxwell. Ben Maxwell is the son of Sally and Kevin Maxwell of Waynesburg. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school.

Ben has been a member of just about every club at Waynesburg Central. He is a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Debate Team, Academic League, Future Business Leaders of America, Creative Writing Club, Engineering Club, Reading Competition, Spanish Club, Physics Club, Drama Club, Student Council, Leo Club, Hope Squad, Waynesburg Central Enrichment Program, and Encore! Music Appreciation Club. Ben has also represented his class for Homecoming, the Cinderella Ball and was on Prom Court. Ben's competitive teams have fared very well. He has earned awards through his participation in Mathcounts, the Reading competition, Powering Pittsburgh and FBLA.

Outside of school Ben attends the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesburg and participates in their youth group and handbell choir. He enjoys hiking, biking, playing the triangle, and spending time with his family. Ben's future plans are to attend college and major in a STEM field.

Thomas Higley is the son of Brandon and Angela Higley of Waynesburg. He has earned straight 'A's through high school. Thomas is a member of the Concert and Marching Bands, Academic League, FBLA, Physics Club, Spanish Club, Book Club, and Creative Writing Club. He has been recog-

nized for his excellence in the classroom. Thomas has earned the National Rural and Small Town Award, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, and the STEM Challenge Award. He was a member of the County champion Academic League Team and was a state qualifier through his work in Future Business Leaders of America. Outside of school Thomas attends Catholic Church. He re-





Dani Stockdale

elor's degree in a field of science.

Dani Stockdale is the daughter of Garrett Stockdale and Alisha Lahew of Waynesburg. She has earned a 3.9 GPA through high school. Dani has been a member of the art club, alpha beta, the prom committee and the National Honor Society. Dani loves softball. She is a three-year softball letterman. In addition to playing for the WCHS team, she also plays on a travel softball team. She has been recognized as the McCracken Pharmacy Athlete of the Week and twice as the Greene Sports Player of the Game. Outside of school, Dani works at Farley's Hotel Café. In her free time Dani enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends. Dani's future plans are to attend college and pursue a career in physical therapy.

The WCHS Lions Club Students of the Month for Janu-

Lauren Martin is the daughter of John and Tonya Martin of Waynesburg. She has earned straight 'A's throughout high

clubs. Lauren has served on Student Council every year of

high school and is the senior class treasurer. She has also been

on stage in five theatrical productions through high school.

Ms. Martin has earned lots of recognition for her great work. She has earned numerous classroom math awards. In addition she earned the Rachel Carson award and the National Rural

Outside of school, Lauren stays very busy as well. She volunteers at the library, the Lion's Club and at local churches. During the summer she works at the Bowlby Library organizing books and running the children's program. She has also been a vacation bible school counselor. In her free time, Lauren enjoys the arts: writing, acting, and singing. She also

enjoys the outdoors, hiking, biking, and gardening. Lauren's future plans are to attend a four-year college and earn a bach-

and Small Town Recognition Program award.

SEGSD Students Compete in Leadership Conference

The Mapletown High School FLBA club recently participated in the Region 4 Leadership Conference in Washington PA. Congratulations to the following members for placing in their event: Hannah Knutsen – 1st Place - Hospitality and Event Management; Alexa Lagos – 1st Place – Enrepreneurship; MeKenna Lotspeich - 1st Place - Introduction to FBLA; Michael Ross - 1st Place Introduction to Business Concepts; Erin Richmond - 2nd place - Accounting 1; Marley Shiflett -2nd place - Organizational Leadership; Meah Branham - 2nd place - Impromptu Speaking; Heaven Kisner – 2nd place – Business Law; Alexis Perry – 3rd place - Hospitality and Event Management; Treslee Weston - 3rd place - Intro to Business Communications; Makenzie Moats - 4th place - Journalism; Kylee Hawk - 4th place - Hospitality and Event Management; Isabella Garnek - 4th place Business Calculations; Nicole Barrera – 4th place – Cyber Security; Emma Zalar – 4th place – Intro to Event Planning.





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- Student Last Name A-I Tuesday, March 5, 2024
- Student Last Name J-R Wednesday, March 6, 2024
- Student Last Name S-Z Thursday, March 7, 2024

In order to speed up the process, registration packets may be completed in advance and brought to the elementary school main office. Central Greene School District will be distributing registration packets at the Waynesburg Central Elementary School main office and are also available to print from website www.cgsd.org

Central Greene's policy states that any child who will be 5 years of age before June 1 may attend kindergarten. Any child who will be 6 years of age before the same date may attend first grade. A child who now is attending kindergarten already is registered for first grade and need not register again. It is important to register your child for kindergarten or first grade even if you are not certain at this point that you will be sending you child to school.

Please bring proof of birth (birth certificate, notarized copy of birth certificate, baptismal certificate, copy of baptism if notarized or duly certified and showing date of birth, notarized statement from the parents or another relative indication the date of birth, or valid passport); immunization records; and proof of residency (a deed, a lease, current utility bill, property tax bill, vehicle registration or department of transportation identification card). Immunizations records can be faxed to the WCES office at 724-852-1160.

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

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The Mon View Roller Rink will be open on Fridays from 6pm to 10pm and Saturday 7-10pm; Fridays are divided into ages from 6-7pm (children 10 and under) and 7-10pm (general public). May through July the rink is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7-10pm. August through December the rink is open to the public on Saturdays from 7-10pm and available for private parties on Fridays.

Private parties are \$300 for under 50 people and \$350 for over 50 people. Parties may bring their own food, and the kitchen will not be available. Call 724-852-5323 (option 1, then option 2) to schedule your party!

The rink will be closed March 29 & 30, May 24 & 25, August 31, November 30, and December 28 for holidays.

Greene County United Soccer Club Registration Opens

Registration for spring 2024 is now live and can be completed at greenesoccer.org. Registration runs until February 14 and the cost is \$40 for inhouse and \$60 for travel. There is a \$15 sibling discount for inhouse and a \$35 sibling discount for travel. Late registration will dun from February 15-19 and has an added fee of \$25. FMI, email president. greesoccer@gmail.com or inhouseregistrar.greenesoccer@gmail.com.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Carmichaels Area High School National Honor Society has organized a blood drive to be held at the American Legion Post 400 Social Hall at 205 E. George Street, Carmichaels on Thursday, February 8 from 12-5pm. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter carmhs to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon. com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/heart.

Wing Night at the Waynesburg VFW

Every Wednesday is Wing Night at the Waynesburg VFW. From 4pm to 8pm they have jumbo 1-piece wings for eat in or carry out (open to the public). FMI, call 724-627-3720.

New Playgroup in Greene County

Greene County Family presents a new playgroup starting on January 9. Join others on every second and fourth Tuesday from 9-10:30am at 26 W. High Street in Waynesburg. FMI, contact 724-852-5276 ext. 450 or 410.

Ruff Creek Campus Open House

The UMWA Career Centers Inc. Workforce Training Center at the Ruff Creek Campus held an Open House on January 9 from 1-7pm in Prosperity. Friends, family members, and interested citizens toured the Ruff Creek Workforce Training Center. They were also able to enroll in the free Mechatronics class (beginning January 23 on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and learn about other upcoming classes. Future classes will include CDL, Computer, Cybersecurity, and Diesel Mechanics. FMI, contact mpagac@umwacc.com or call 724-223-9332 ext. 205.

The Deano Virgili Memorial Chili Cookoff

The Deano Virgili Memorial Chili Cookoff will be held on February 3, 2024 at the Rices Landing American Legion at 133 Carmichaels Street in Rices Landing. General admission is \$5, which covers a taste each and a vote for People's Choice. Deadline for entries is January 24. There will be awards for Best Hot, Best Mild, and People's Choice. Entry is free for contestants. Set up is from 12pm to 2pm, and the tasting is from 2pm to 5pm. FMI, call 412-980-8654. Entry forms are available online via the American Legion Rider Post 816 Facebook page.

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Intentional Walks



t's that time of year when I resort to gathering small interesting factoids and anecdotes from my earlier research for my book that don't seem to lend themselves to longer columns. At least that rationalization sounds better than I was very lazy around the holidays.

In 1907, Albert Cozard of Khedive was one of Waynesburg College's best baseball players. He was one of the best amateur pitchers in Western Pennsylvania and a proprospect. Tragically, he was killed on his first day of work at the Washington & Waynesburg Railroad while coupling two cars. He was earning money between semesters to return for the winter session.

Willis Hutchins of Brave had been a star athlete at Waynesburg College from 1909-1913. After graduation, he returned home and opened a small mercantile business. On Labor Day of 1914, he made the trip to West View Park in Pittsburgh and broke the world record in the 100-yard dash with a time of 9.6 seconds. He again returned home and contin-

Holiday Hodgepodge

ued running his business, where most of the locals were unaware of the celebrity in town.

In May of 1927, Edward Tegue of Waynesburg broke the Quarter Mile World Record at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. That same year, Waynesburg's Lawrence Day set a world record for a golf marathon after he played 243 holes in 16 hours and 26 minutes at Greene County Country Club. He averaged 48.7 stokes per nine holes. Day walked 71 miles and lost six pounds during the feat.

Waynesburg High School and Waynesburg College star Wettie Mancuso played professional basketball for the Buffalo Bison of the Mid-West

Conference during the 1935-36 season. The following year, that group of teams was renamed the National Basketball League. Ten years later, that league merged with the Basketball Association of America to create the National Basketball Association.

The banner in the Waynesburg Central gym lists only one boys' basketball section title. That 1935 team beat Duquesne at Pitt Stadium before losing to Rankin in the WPIAL semi-finals. However, the 1945-46 team also won the section title after beating Wash High 33-30 in a section tie-breaking playoff game. They also had two future Pirate minor league baseball players in the line-up – Dick Drury and Ralph Lewis.

The undefeated Waynesburg High School football team of 1945 (9-0-1) gave up only 38 points all season and 19 of those were in one game against Canonsburg. Key members of that team were future professional athletes Bill George and Dick Drury. Future Raider coaching legend Dave Clelland was

also on that toom

Waynesburg College finished in seventh place at the 1950 NCAA Wrestling Cham-

pionships. Tony Gizoni won the 121-pound championship by decision over Arnold Plaza of Purdue. The team finished behind only Iowa State, Purdue, Cornell, Syracuse, Oklahoma A&M (State) and Iowa. Penn State, Oklahoma and Navy rounded out the top ten.

Jack Wiley's 1952 Waynesburg College football team finished 6-1, with the only defeat a 21-9 loss at West Virginia University. Two years later, guard John Barish was named an NAIA First Team All-American. He was

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.

drafted in the 12th round by the Washington Redskins but decided to answer the call of the U.S. Army. He played semi-professional ball for the Wheeling Ironmen from 1962-64.

Captain Joseph E. "Joe" Riggs, U.S.M.C. of Waynesburg won the Leech Cup in 1955 for long distance shooting with a score of 100-15V. The Leech Cup is the oldest trophy awarded (1901) in competitive target shooting in the United States. The rifles used in the competition were equipped with metallic, non-magnifying sights.



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Liam Lohr is the son of Jason and Tricia Lohr of Carmichaels. He is a four-year GCADA fall athlete for golf. This past golf season, he was individual section champ and placed second in the Tricada tournament. He is a senior member of the golf, baseball, and basketball teams. In school, he is a secretary of the National Honor Society, member of the Leo club, Senior Standing Committee, and yearbook editor. He also volunteers for the local food bank and the Red Cross blood drives. Liam will attend Fairmont State University in the fall for mechanical engineering and continue golfing as a member of the Falcon golf team.



Alayna Simon is the daughter of James Wamsley and Kimberly Simon-Pratt. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Chess Club, ACS Chemistry Club, Student Council, SADD, Media Production, Yearbook, and the softball team. She is also the captain of the varsity basketball team, co-captain of the cross-country team, treasurer of Students in Action, and vice president of the Senior Class. Her plans are to attend a university and major



Roger Gradek is the son of Danielle Gradek Helena Cumpston is the daughter of Doug and Kenneth Davis of Greensboro. He has and Jackie Cumpston of Mapletown. She is Maples' football and baseball teams. In addition to sports, he has two part-time jobs. When he has spare time, he enjoys weight lifting and hanging out with friends. Roger isn't on a basketball court crafting her game is undecided about his plans after gradua-



played basketball all four years and has been a freshman guard on the girls' varsity basa starter for two. Roger is also a part of the ketball team. Helena carries a 4.0 GPA and is also part of student council and the debate team. Outside school, she participates in 4-H with a Waynesburg club. When she or taking care of her animals on the farm, you can find her spending time with family and friends.



Sophomore Brayden Ellsworth is the son of Bruce and Sarah Ellsworth and Brean and Brian Fuller of Rices Landing. He is a guard on the Rockets' basketball team and a member of the baseball and golf squads. In school, he is a member of the National Honor Society, Science Club, Envirothon Team, the Principal's Advisory Council, and the Hope Squad. Outside school, Brayden is a member of the Greene County Ghost baseball team and is a and spending time with family. vouth baseball umpire.



Addyson Teagarden is the daughter of Jim and Robin Teagarden of Jefferson. She is a member of the Rockets' basketball and softball teams. In school, she is a sophomore member of Leo Club, RLL Club, Penn State 4.0 Club, and the National Honor Society. Outside school, Addyson enjoys hunting





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Rush on December 3 when he ran circles around me as I enjoyed the Christmas light show at the Rolling Meadows Church of God. That's when his mom, Jessie Rush of Waynesburg, told me that Thomas was about to complete a year of running a mile every day a goal he'd set for himself on New Year's Day

My "Oh wow!" was met with a smile from Mom. "And he has no plans to stop either. He told me he wants to keep on running!"

Jessie admits that running has become a

"I ran cross country in 2002, '03 and '04 for Central Greene." Jessie remembers her best time was in ninth grade. But the best part of running for her is just to run. "It's you against you. For me, it was the challenge of running that far and doing better than my own time.

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Daughters Lexi, a senior at Central Greene, is into crosscountry, and Linzy, a sophomore, is into track, Husband Tom is into long distance biking as a personal goal. The family drove across America in early May 2022 so that Tom could begin his bike ride home starting at the Golden Gate Bridge. Jesse drove the van while Tom biked. She and the kids ran and biked whenever they got the chance as they camped out and went to church on Sunday at different churches until they got to Yorktown, Virginia and the end of Tom's ride. "Thomas got to run through lots of little towns with me all the way back. Thomas didn't run every day like I did, but he ran in some really cool places like the Golden Gate Bridge."

Jessie tells me she thinks because she enjoys running "the kids picked up on it. Plus, Thomas really loves being outside." Thomas has also played soccer since age five with the Greene County Soccer League. It's a game that's easy on the budget, Jessie added. "All they need are shin guards, cleats and a ball and parents' drive." Even on game day, Thomas and Jessie still find time to run.

Jessie appreciates having Thomas as a motivator.

"There are times when I come home from work and I'm just, you know, want to not do it right away or maybe just sit down, but there's Thomas saving 'Come on, Mom!"

When running every day, expect the unexpected, Jessie said. "One time when we ran by the courthouse after a farmer's market there were gourds left on the courthouse wall. So we each took one and ran with them instead of picking them up when we were done. We decorated the table for Thanksgiving with those gourds. Sometimes I wear a head lamp when it gets dark, sometimes we carry light up sticks or light up antlers or different kinds of silly hats—it's all for fun and it keeps us going even when the weather is bad."

Running every day doesn't have to be in

mas reaches his goal to have run every day for a year as he and mom Jessie Rush cross Freedom Bridge in Waynesburg.

the same place.

According to Thomas, the Greene County Fairgrounds is a great place to run—it gives him a chance to race his mom. According to Jesse's Apple watch, a couple of laps on the road around the tracks, including a sprint through the tunnels, then a hard race back to the road is a good country mile. So is running on High Street past the courthouse, down a variety of streets (just to keep it interesting), then back to the car. There's also

the nature trail at school and, for a change, a drive to trails in Morgantown or the Greene River Trail near Rices Landing where Jesse meets up with friends every first Saturday of the month, when the weather allows, for a group run.

I got my classic runners shot for this story at the fairgrounds as Thomas loped ahead of his mom, racing her through the tunnels, then slowing down and speeding up as she kept her own runner's pace that she developed in high school that is now a part of her own healthy exercise regime. But for Thomas, these daily outings are just a hint of what is vet to come if his love of running continues to grow.

On New Year's Eve, Thomas and Jessie finished their run-a-mile-every-day-for-a-year promise as they ran from McDonalds in East Waynesburg up to the red light at Porter

By Colleen Nelson

Thomas races his mom through the tunnels at the Greene County Fairgrounds.

Street and back, with Lexi and Linzy holding the ribbon they roke as they came across Freedom Bridge.

Thomas and his mom are still running, still finding different places to do a mile, sometimes a little more. "We parked at Catnip Acres on Morris Street yesterday and ran on Rolling Meadows Road up through Lions Club Park then on the sidewalk on Roy Furman Highway back to the car," Jessie told me when I called before turning this story in to say how proud I was of her and Thomas. "Today we'll park at Walmart and run around all the buildings and back to the car. My Apple watch tells me that's a mile too. If you see us running, feel free to honk and wave or yell 'good job'. We love the encouragement."

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Preston Whitmer

Preston Whitmer, age 7, of Rices Landing bagged this 6-point buck while hunting with his pappy on the farm. Congratulations, Preston!

Nash Onderko

Nash Onderko, age 7, of Carmichaels shot this turkey while hunting in Carmichaels during the spring. Congratulations, Nash!



oger Myers

Roger Myers of Waynesburg shot this buck during archery season. Congratulations, Roger!



Khali Brewer of Waynesburg shot this 5-point buck while hunting in Ruff Creek. Congratulations, Khali!



5, of Waynesburg bagged this doe, his first of archery season. Congratulations, Kolson!



Dale Phillips of Waynesburg shot this buck while hunting in Rices



Urijah Teasdale, age 14, of Waynesburg shot this 9-point buck in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Congratulations, Urijah!



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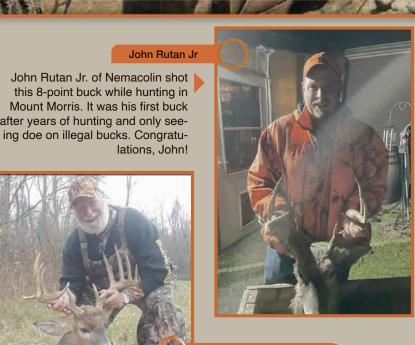


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Herschel Matthews Jr.

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Caleb Delanksy Hunter Corwin, shot this 10-point buck Spraggs, with while hunting in his first deer, a Greene County. 9-point! Congratulations, Congratulations.



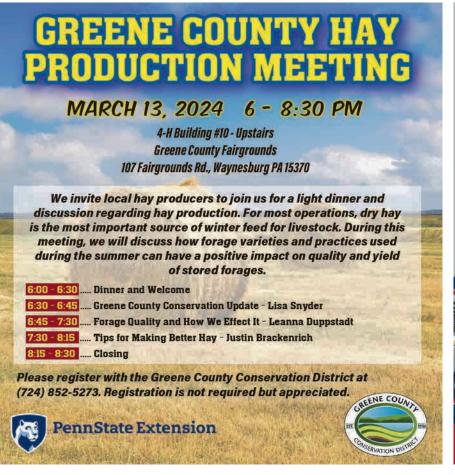


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