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1. What business supported the community through a new grant?
2. What is one of the most important steps in preparing preschoolers for school ?
3. What business just celebrated their first anniversary?
4. What business do Tom and Melissa Palko of Jefferson own?
5. What two businesses are having open houses this fall where you can get up close with the animals ?
6. What school did Karissa Hawk attend?
7. What fan favorite is coming back to the Hickory Apple Festival?
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I Love this Community — MT. MORRIS COMMUNITY CENTER

By Colleen Nelson

This happy reboot of the Mt. Morris Community Center began early one April morning in 2023. That's when Candy Lohiser, newly retired from 47 years with Greer Industries in Morgantown, stopped by Jeanne's Garage for a tire rotation.

"I had a book with me and thought I'd walk across the road to the Center and read while I waited," she told me when I called. "But when I got there, the door was locked. I finally found a rickety picnic bench outside and dragged it around so I could sit, but I was surprised. I remember the place used to be so active."

Puzzled, Lohiser decided to call Perry Township Supervisor Frank Basile. "I've known Frankie since he was a kid, so I asked him what's up. And he told me the Center was now only open on Wednesday, for coffee and lunch with Blueprints. I knew Covid had stopped a lot of the activities we used to have, like line dancing and exercising, and people weren't coming back on their own. So I said to myself—'well let's make it grow!' There's so much we could do in this building. I knew I couldn't do it by myself, so I called Mark Kesner. We worked together for years at the Sportsman's Club and he knows people who could help us get it going again. I knew he'd just retired like me, so..."

When I reached out to Kesner, happily retired and managing farms with "Lots of cattle all over the place," he laughed. "I remember that phone call!"

Kesner, a 1976 grad like Lohiser, told me he took a job at Greene County Memorial Hospital right out of high school and earned his college degree at Penn State University, "thanks to my employer." Because of the way people have helped him, he admits he isn't shy about giving back to the community through his faith. "I'm a volunteer. And any time I get involved, I put action into intention. We all need to do our share. Ask and you shall receive."

For Kesner, getting involved in the reboot meant laying the groundwork - filing for a 501c3 and EIN number, researching the name "back a hundred years" to make sure it could be legally used, getting separate insurance for the new nonprofit, then mailing out and handing out surveys to everyone in town and beyond asking for ideas, and holding public meetings. There were also holiday community projects to complete as they came up, taken on by the people who came to meetings and stayed to do the work and have the fun.

"September will be our first anniversary of the Mt. Morris Community Center and

we're planning to have an open house to let the community see what we've done and will continue to do to grow this place," Kesner told me. "We're all about making people feel welcome. Please come visit us!"

The best day to visit the Mt. Morris Community Center is still every Wednesday for lunch. Volunteers arrive around 8 a.m. They put on the coffee and set out snacks and fruit for the retired and not so retired men about town who come to hang out, shoot the breeze and share the talk of the town.

Sometime around 10 a.m. many will disappear, then reappear for lunch with their wives. When I got there, it was almost 8:30 a.m. and every corner of the long front room was already into something. Deep discussions punctuated by chuckles were going on at the front table. Heads were bent over a wild array of puzzles over there. Folks were chatting on couches and morning light was making halos around the hanging plants in the windows. I headed for the coffee bar and grabbed a muffin.

The old Mt. Morris high school that graduated its last class in 1962, owes its first reboot to Albert Clyde Ammons (1917- 1997). After retiring from a successful business installing local TV cable access, Ammons put up the initial funds and got a slew of his friends and associates together to do the renovations that turned his alma mater into a community space in the 1990s. Son Albert "Bub" tells me, "My dad wanted a place where his old friends could get together. It was his way of giving back. He graduated here in 1936 with honors and I still have his class ring. He was a good man, and he taught me a lot." Tributes to Ammon's good work still hang on the wall: a 1993 Humanitarian Award Ammons received for his leadership role in "turning a 70-year-old former four room high school building into a modern senior center" along with a saw signed by everyone who helped make it happen.

Owned and maintained by Perry Township, this classic yellow brick school building from the 1920s is open to the public for morning coffee klatches, senior lunches, a community library, a place to vote and host events, meetings, book clubs and classes. The playground outside is always ready and waiting for kids to shoot hoops and have fun.

"We've been getting donations of balls and toys and the hoops are being used by the



MMCC volunteer Mark Kesner in the library with neighborhood kids who stop by on Wednesday when the center is open 8 am-2 pm,

teens," Lohiser noted. "We keep a toy box outside for chalk and Frisbees and the neighborhood kids look after it. Neighbors keep donating balls and watching the kids play. It's amazing!"

Framed photos and prints on the walls inside celebrate the Mt. Morris glory days of well derricks in every backyard and the excitement of the fairgrounds and racetrack that used to be just outside of town.

One of the four rooms still has the old hardwood floors of the original school. It's where the community votes and Bowlby Library collaborates with the Center to maintain a library for adults and children.

Penn State Master Gardeners bedded in the native wildflowers, annuals and perenni-

als that border the building, with a little help from the neighborhood.

"When it got so dry I was down there every day watering," Lohiser said. "Everything is looking so good this year." The Wednesday senior lunch crowd is growing as the word gets out and more stop by to deliver meals for the homebound. Others stay for the \$2 donation lunch supplied by Blueprints and cooked up every Wednesday by Center volunteer chef Karol Koast. Retired Coastguard veteran Vicki Lawson leads a prayer group with a focus on fellowship at 11 a.m., lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and socializing goes on until at least 2 p.m. "We have people coming from Sabraton and Westover because they like what we're doing here," Lohiser said. "We're 13



TOP: Mark Kesner left and Perry Twp Supervisor Frank Basile get together with others for coffee every Wednesday morning at the WWCC "cafe" BOTTOM: Albert @Bub" Ammons looks at the Humanitarian Award given to his father Clyde Ammons for helping create this "Senior Citizens Center" in 1993, now the Mr Morris Community Center.

miles from Waynesburg and 12 miles from Morgantown, so it's an easy drive either way."

Another season of activities that kicked off last September will begin again with the first anniversary Open House, scheduled for September 22.

Events posted on the Mt Morris Community Center Facebook page are updated weekly, including Line Dancing with Patty Lemon every Monday at 6 p.m. followed by \$5 Drum Cardio with Miranda Chapman. This fall, crochet, knitting and craft classes will hopefully return, along with whatever other activity the community can coordinate. Local Gospel singer Candy Baker Mayle played for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the center on June 21 and "We can't wait to have her back," Lohiser said. "We're thinking about serving dinners on Friday nights - that's one of the ideas that came up at our monthly meetings."

Old favorites like cakewalks, evening get-togethers and book clubs, holiday parties, cookie decorating classes and bus tours are all on the table or in the works. "Our next trip is



Pirates Baseball versus the Royals, with Fireworks on Friday September 13. Our Amish Sampler Trip to Holmes County Ohio is Oct. 5 and Old Fashioned Christmas with 200 vendors in the woods in Columbiana, Ohio is October 20. The nice thing is the bus will stop in Mt. Morris and Waynesburg too." For more information, call Debbie Copeland 304-680-2138.



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The Emergency Medical Training Program at Greene County Career Technology Center is all about hands on training to confront the countless accidents and disasters that happen in real life—training to do the right thing in precious seconds.

Thanks to a \$50,000 grant through the Pa Dept. of Health, realistic scenarios of those accidents are set up and worked through in the EMT classrooms filled with the props, tools and equipment students use to train to save real lives on the job.

“I have to thank Rich Policz (Emergency Management Director of Greene County) because he found this grant and told us about it,” instructor Dan Halliday said. “It was for high school-based instruction for EMT and they only offered three statewide this year. We applied, wrote a budget and submitted. All the equipment we purchased was for an EMT Summer Camp that was part of the grant. The idea is to bring in other GCCTC students to see if EMT is something they would be interested in. The best part is we get to keep the equipment. This will make such a difference in what we can practice doing in real time. And we can do

more summer camps next year, especially for middle-schoolers.”

Once the grant was approved this spring, Halliday lost no time putting together orders. This included robotic arms to practice taking accurate blood pressure readings, robotic heads, torsos and full sized bodies of every age to stabilize for wounds, a vehicle simulator with seats, seatbelts and the ability to be positioned at any angle a rescuer might find with a passenger or three trapped inside.

When the grant money was released, it was almost time for camp in August, “but we had our orders in and were ready to go and Amazon got them to us in a couple of days.” Halliday gestured to the auto accident simulator and grinned. “That big piece arrived on Tuesday after we started.”

We’re in the extensive storage area between classrooms, and EMT Camp cadets are putting away equipment as they prepare to leave for the day. It’s been four days of hands-on training, working with paramedics, ambulances and vehicular accidents, then reworking the LifeFlight Allegheny Health Network helicopter landing to fit the weather.

Why become an Emergency Medical Technician? Sophomore Karissa Snyder of Jefferson told me she chose a career path in welding and added EMT camp to her summer schedule because she knows the extra training is important in her chosen field. Helping others is a family affair - her dad Todd Snyder is a volunteer ALS (Advanced Life Saving) EMT with Jefferson and Rices Landing fire departments.

For Trenton Lutes, a Rogersville Fire Department volunteer, “It’s something I need to train for when I turn 18, so I took the camp. I like helping people. I always have. When my mom fell down and fractured her leg. I was there, and I knew what to do.”

Students who do the work and pass the written exam become certified EMTs, sometimes before graduation. “That’s great for me because they become mentors to the younger students. This is a career with room to grow and the wages have become competitive enough to be attractive to a new generation of workers.”

“EMT is the backbone of emergency medicine. An ambulance can’t go into a situation without it.”

Halliday added that EMT students get help with certification fees and other training necessities through partnership with SW Training Services. Adult EMT evening classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and every other Saturday for 3.5 months. “Our last class will finish up in late September and they’ll be certified by mid October. Our next class is scheduled for January 13. With 10 students, we break even and have managed to keep the admission costs at \$600, which is much lower than other trainings in the area and online.”

What does it take to be an EMT? “You’ve got to be willing to put your fears and worries aside and be able to help others. Then regroup and do it again. That’s where teamwork really matters. To regroup, talk it out, get refocused and be ready to handle the next call. That’s what I teach my students—it’s all about teamwork. And be willing to help.”

Photo on right: Learning new skills: Senior Trenton Lutes is enrolled in Building Construction and Senior Madison Scogin is studying to be a Health Assistant at GCCTC. They’re here with EMT instructor Dan Halliday, using a robotic arm to take blood pres-

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KEEPING BACKYARD CHICKENS

By Matthew Cumberledge, *GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*



There aren't many more things enjoyable than porch sitting on a warm summer evening while enjoying conversations with friends and neighbors. It's one of the highlights of living in a small town in the rural parts of Greene County. Perhaps the only addition that could make such an evening better is having a flock of free-range chickens roaming the backyard and pecking at the ground. That's right... chickens!

Keeping backyard chickens as pets and for their eggs is a common hobby, and recently we talked to Mandy Jones, of Brave in Wayne Township (formerly an employee of the USDA), about the flock she keeps free ranging in her backyard.

According to Mandy: "The egg quality you get is completely different from what you can get in the store. Backyard free-range chickens have a much healthier and varied diet, so their yolk color is often a dark orange color plus they taste so much better. You know you are getting quality eggs. They really aren't much work to take care of, but they provide my family with food, and they are also entertaining. They are also a very good natural form of pest control for the yard and garden."

If you have a large backyard, and like quality fresh eggs, keeping chickens may be for you. Care is quite easy, and they don't make too much noise. If you have a rooster in your flock, he will crow from time to time, but that generally isn't very bothersome. Listening to a rooster crow in the morning can often be a rather relaxing way to start the day - certainly better than loud news channels or the

hectic distractions of modern life. Perhaps the biggest downfall of free ranging chickens is, if you have mulched flower beds, you'll need to keep them fenced in. Chickens love kicking through mulch and hunting bugs. In our gardens around Brave, we have found that a short decorative fence is generally more than adequate to keep things under control.

When it comes to chicken breeds, Mandy says: "I think my favorite [breeds] are any of the Wyandotte's; they are some of the best for beginners. I have Silver Laced Wyandotte's, Golden Laced Wyandotte's and Blue Wyandotte's. They are all by far some of the friendliest chickens I've ever had; they're very hardy and good egg layers. They are basically feathered dogs!"

Feathered dogs is an accurate term to describe free-range chickens used to being around their caretakers. They will often follow you around looking for treats, and some breeds like the Buff Orpington can often enjoy being held. Gently, of course!

When it comes to roosters, it is generally best to have a maximum of one per flock, and it is always a good idea to monitor them. Some breeds, and some roosters in general, can get aggressive towards people. If you are thinking about having a flock of your own, it is always best to do some research. Look up videos on the internet, and familiarize yourself with various breeds, what sorts of coops make the best homes, what you should feed them, and all the little tricks and tips that can make keeping free-range chickens a lot of fun!

Greene Artifacts

LK EVANS' PIONEER HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

The history of Greene County Pennsylvania is well researched and documented with materials that date from as far back as the 1860s up through the present time. Over the years, many dedicated people have taken pen to paper and chronicled the happenings in this county.

Several excellent books have been published and all serve slightly different purposes. Of some of the earlier reference materials, Bates "1888 History of Greene County Pennsylvania" takes a scholarly approach to the overall history of the region. It touches on prehistoric times, as well as conditions during the early years of the United States, with a heavy emphasis on the Civil War history of the county. The second half of the book contains biographies of prominent citizens. Leckey's "Tenmile Country and It's Pioneer Families" is an excellent book of genealogical information covering many of the early families in Greene.

If you're looking for narratives of the early pioneers of Greene County, L. K. Evans' "Pioneer History of Greene County" is the book for you. The book is a compilation of newspaper articles that were published in the "Waynesburg Republican" newspaper throughout the year 1875. These articles are often the only source for narrative information on Greene County from the mid to late 18th century through the early 19th century.

As he was writing his articles in 1875, Evans traveled the county and interviewed the

children and grandchildren of our earliest settlers. He referenced their family bibles, diaries, and many family records and stories that were lost to the annals of time.

Some of the topics that Evans covers include: John Minor, one of the earliest (if not the earliest) settlers in Greene County and the man responsible for the establishment of Greene County in 1796; the Crow family and the massacre of the Crow sisters in 1791; Reverend John Corbly and the Corbly massacre in 1782; the Spicer massacre of 1774; various early forts and settlements; European interactions with the Native Americans; and other topics.

A great source of information to anyone interested in local history, it is an interesting and sometimes thrilling read.

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Pictured, from l. to r., are Charles W. Trump, Jr., First Federal of Greene County President/CEO; scholarship recipients and Waynesburg Central High School graduates Kaylee Ayers, Addison Blair, Kayla Strelick and Lake Litwinovich; Terry L. Clutter, First Federal of Greene County Vice President/Treasurer; and Kourtney Skinner, First Federal of Greene County Education Club Coordinator, Waynesburg.



Pictured, from l. to r., are Corinna Ream, First Federal of Greene County Education Club Coordinator, Uniontown; scholarship recipient and Laurel Highlands High School graduate Ava Crofcheck; and Danielle Tobusto, First Federal of Greene County Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager, Uniontown. Not Pictured: Nathan Pegg, Reese Springsteen and Kasey Stanton.



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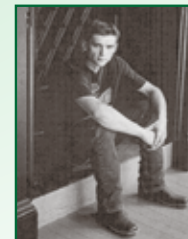
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The Iona George Fund for Scholarship in Early Church History was created through a generous donation by Thomas George in honor and in memory of his aunt, Iona George, whose life of faith was a witness and example to him. The

scholarship seeks to improve understanding of the first 400 years of the Christian church through research done and collected by Waynesburg University upperclassmen, who will receive the scholarship over the years. In return for research done by the scholarship recipient, the scholarship covers tuition over a 12-month period.

As part of his research, Ross Owens will complete a significant thesis and present his work to faculty members and peers in the spring 2025 semester.

“I am looking forward to supporting Ross Owens in his research and study of Origen of Alexandria,” said Josh Sumpter, University Chaplain and assistant professor of biblical and ministry studies. “Ross demonstrates a strong desire to learn and I believe that this work will continue to foster within him a deep love for God, for the scriptures and for Christian history.”

“I value learning how Christianity survived under certain circumstances,” said Owens. “It was dangerous to be a Christian during Origen’s life and he was unashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I look forward to studying how he held tightly to the faith under such oppression.”



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Grab your classic auto and head to downtown Waynesburg for a day of '50s fun and music. On September 14, 2024, downtown Waynesburg welcomes back for the 23rd year one of the most popular car cruises in southwestern Pennsylvania. The '50s Fest & Car Cruise, presented by Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful, Inc., typically draws 150+ classic vehicles to downtown, including a wide assortment of hot rods, street rods, rat rods, and other classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

The festival also offers retro fun with contests and oldies music broadcast live all day by WANB Radio's "Greene County Greaser" aka Doug Wilson. There are also plentiful door prizes and unique shopping and specials from many downtown merchants and restaurants. Family activities include a hula hoop contest, a bubble gum blowing contest, and more. Best of all, it's free for both participants and attendees!

Several local sponsors support the event and are featured on the back of the festival's annual collectible t-shirt. The hand drawn t-shirt art is created each year by local artist Colleen Nelson. The shirts feature an actual classic vehicle belonging to a cruise participant. This year's shirt features George 'Bly' Blystone's Studebaker. On the t-shirt, the car will be depicted in front of the W.A. Young & Sons Foundry and Machine Shop. This year's collectible dash plaque magnet features Remington Crooks' 1996 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 in front of the Greene Academy in Carmichaels.

"Colleen Nelson has a way of really

bringing the personality of both this year's local site and vehicle alive. Our '50s Fest t-shirts are highly collectible. They will go on sale at the event at 10am starting at \$20, so don't miss getting yours," shares Danielle Nyland, '50s Fest Committee Co-chairperson and board member for Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful. To clear out any back stock, previous years shirts are also available for a discounted rate.

'50s Fest tradition also offers a collectible magnetic dash plaque free to all participants and for sale to spectators as long as they last. "The generous support we receive from the area's merchants and local businesses is what enables us to make this a free event for spectators and participants. There are no admission fees or registration fees for the '50s Fest & Car Cruise in downtown Waynesburg and we want to keep it that way."

The festival is organized by co-chairs Danielle Nyland and Doug Wilson and their committee of local gear heads, grumpy old men, and car collectors. Interested in being a part of this event? Stop by the registration table the day of the event or email 50sfestcarcruise@gmail.com to volunteer!

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RABBIT CHAMPIONS

On Tuesday, August 6, after 13 years of participation at the Greene County Fair and 4-H Club, Jenna Longstreth demonstrated her hard work and dedication to breeding and showing rabbits. Her rabbits became the 2024 Grand Champion and 2024 Reserve Champion Rabbits at the Greene County Fair. Both River, a Dwarf Hotot, and Tank, a Holland Lop, are a product of her dedication. Longstreth also demonstrated vast knowledge of her breeds in showmanship by winning as Master Rabbit Showman.



Salute to Veterans

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

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

We'll also feature select pictures & stories about some area veterans. So, if you have an interesting story or picture of a local vet you know, send it before Oct. 1, 2024 to:

GreeneScene Magazine/Veteran Tribute
185 Wade Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370
or info@greenescenemagazine.com

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

Good NEWS

In Greene County

Student-operated WCTV Wins Two Telly Awards

Waynesburg University's student-operated television station, WCTV, recently received two Telly Awards.

The winning entries were "You Matter PSA" by WCTV videographer and producer William Wilson, a communication (electronic media) major from Odessa, Florida, and "Jacket Sports Weekly: Episode 5" by WCTV producer Megan Barry, a communication (sports media) major from North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Both Wilson and Barry will be entering their senior years at the University this upcoming fall semester.

"I am super blessed to win this award," said Barry, who was surprised to hear of her win.

According to Barry, receiving recognition for her work through this type of award has always been a goal of hers.

"I am just extremely proud of not only myself but the others in the department who won an award (Wil Wilson)," added Barry. "I am excited for the work we will put forth in the department next year and hope to lead as the General Manager of WCTV to even more success."

The Telly Awards, founded in 1979, celebrate the best work in video and television across all screens. Entries span from all 50 states and six continents, and represent widely respected agencies, companies and stations.

Students within the Department of Communication at Waynesburg University have a history of winning awards for their work within WCTV and the University's sports network, WUSN. Last year, WCTV and WUSN received a total of seven awards from two organizations, including the Telly Awards, for student entries.

Waynesburg U. receives recognition as a "College of Distinction"

Waynesburg University has been recognized as a 2024-2025 College of Distinction, marking the ninth consecutive year of receiving the honor. The University was also named a Pennsylvania College of Distinction and a Christian College of Distinction.

Unlike traditional ranking systems, Colleges of Distinction's selection process involves detailed interviews and research with institutions which evaluate their adherence to the Four Distinctions: Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community and Successful Outcomes. The College of Distinction award reflects an institution's commitment to satisfying those distinctions.

In addition to its recognition as a 2024-2025 College of Distinction, specialized recognition was also given to the University's programs in business, education and nursing.

"A college degree opens the door to many opportunities," said Tyson Schritter, Chief Operating Officer at Colleges of Distinction. "But a truly worthwhile education prepares students to thrive once they walk through that door. Waynesburg University's curriculum encourages meaningful student-faculty collaboration through experiential learning that is relevant and applicable to the real world." To be listed among the Colleges of Distinction, Waynesburg University demonstrated its unique ways of helping students be active in their education.

"We've never ranked our schools," said Schritter. "No student is alike, so there can't be a number-one school for everyone. We are much more focused on the innovative ways that colleges are offering their own brand of a truly rich undergraduate education. Waynesburg University's individual approach to education helps students achieve success in unique ways that cannot be ranked against others."

Schritter continued, "We are so impressed to see how Waynesburg University brings life to the traditional undergraduate experience. With a welcoming community, an immersive curriculum, and strong support networks, Waynesburg University is undoubtedly nurturing the growth of tomorrow's leaders."

To view Waynesburg University's profile, visit collegesofdistinction.com/school/waynesburg-university.

Dedicated Volunteers Support Mt Morris Church

Mount Morris is a small community, and a small congregation brings in minimal donations.

Volunteers are essential to the continued existence of the Mt. Morris Methodist Church. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who maintain the Mt. Morris Methodist Church:

Robert (Bob) Lemley, who retired from the Cumberland coal mine as a mechanic on the railroad, now spends his spare time maintaining the electrical and mechanical systems of the church. In addition to maintaining the church, Bob helps to maintain the parsonage.

Robert's son Elvis Lemley taught bible school at the Church when he was 23 years old, while he was an auctioneer, going to college, and eventually working for Verizon business office in Clarksburg, WV. He enjoyed working with young kids. Those children admired him and sent letters to his family after his tragic death in 1993. There is a memorial bench at the front of the church and a tree placed by the MYF group.

Others who are instrumental in the maintenance of the church are Bob's wife, Linda Lemley, Rebecca Harvey Lemley, Cathy Fumich and John Lemley. They cook meals and deliver the meals to members who are not ambulatory or cannot drive anymore.

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For more information about these workshops and other MAA info go to www.morgantownartassociation.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Become a Master Gardener in Greene

Are you ready to take your gardening skills to the next level? Or would like to become a local educator for the public. Become a Penn State Extension Master Gardener! Their mission is to provide education to the public using research-based information.

The program is accepting applications for Greene County residents to enroll in our 2024 Master Gardener Basic Training classes in the fall of 2024. This program consists of a training course designed to provide participants with information and skills necessary to share their knowledge with others. This is not a garden club; it is a 40-week course taught by Penn State educators.

Volunteers will then use this science-based knowledge to teach the community about growing vegetables, attracting pollinators, educating the public of all ages, keeping plants healthy, and more.

Online weekly classes start in October 2024. They will be held Thursday evenings via Zoom with Penn State Faculty. Should you miss the class, recordings will be available. Participants will also meet in person monthly and can attend monthly Master Gardener meetings, where students can learn more about activities in Greene County. There will also be hands-on activities for some of the classes.

The cost of the class is \$200 and includes an award-winning Master Gardener Manual and hands-on materials. You must be 18 years of age or older.

After completing the class training, candidates must complete 50 hours of volunteer work by September 30, 2025, to become certified. Each year following the original certification, 20 hours of volunteer activities and 10 hours of continuing education are required to maintain certification. There are a variety of activities including demonstration gardens, writing articles, teaching, answering garden questions, growing plants for our programs, teaching our youth about growing plants and more.

If interested in becoming a Master Gardener, please contact the Penn State Extension office at 724-802-8025 or email Cheryl Brendel at ckb5569@psu.edu. Applications will be accepted until September 1.

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- Gideon J. John 1837-1872; husband of Maria John Jordan
- Martha Reay Sutton d. 1890; wife of Rev. Robert H. Sutton (possible descendant surnames are Scott and Sellers of Waynesburg)
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If you have any information on any of these families, please email wsumc@windstream.net or leave a message on the church phone: 724-627-3240. Thank you for your help.

Help Identifying this Photo of the Past

Reader Charlotte McMillen sent us this photo hoping for more information about the women pictured. Do you remember when this photo was taken? Is it 20 women from Ross Hill Garden Club? Who was organizer? They reportedly helped manicure at Dreamer Memorial Park. Charloette's mother, Martha W. McMillen, is pictured second from the left in front.



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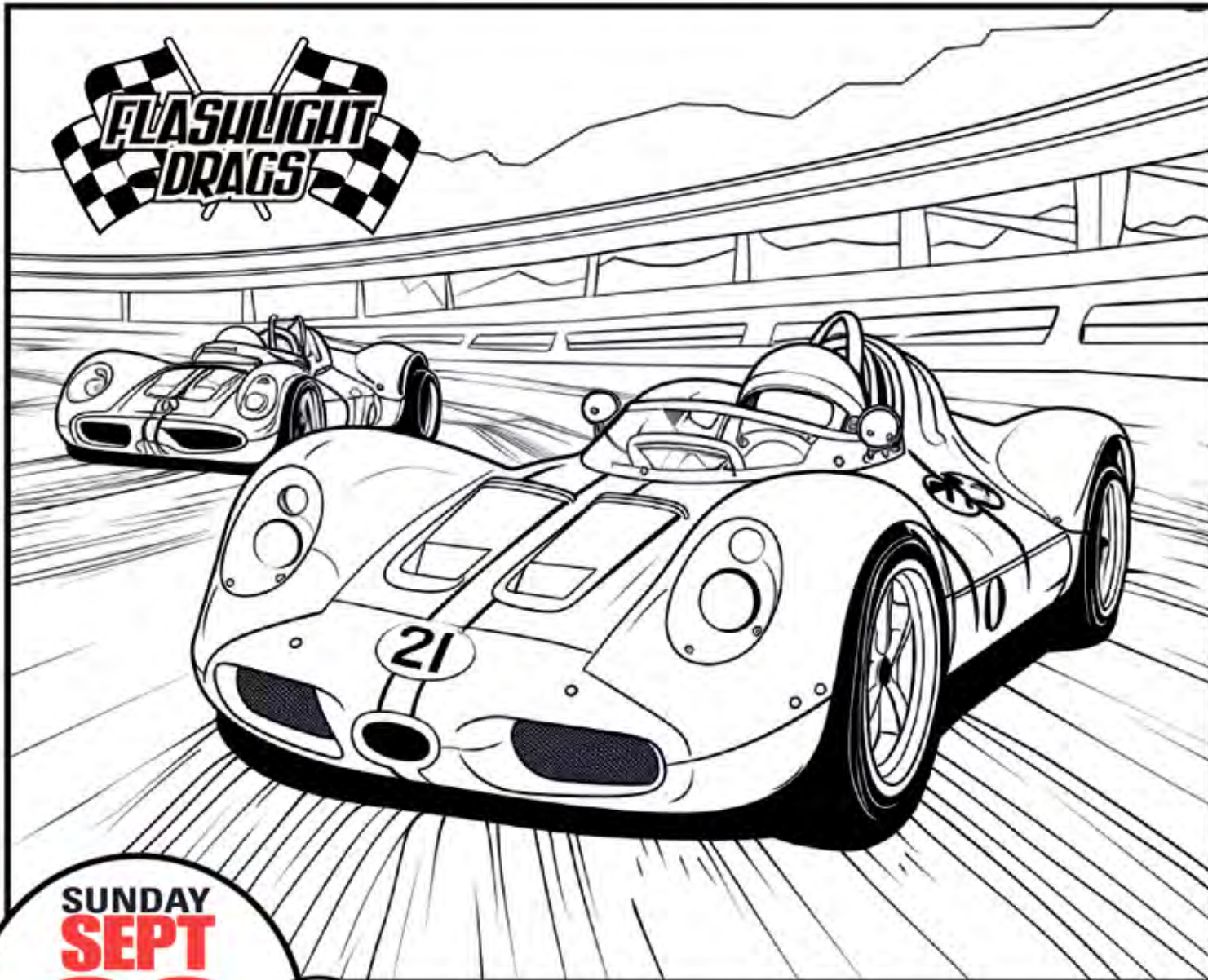
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RAIN DAY RESULTS

2024 Rain Watchers: Waynesburg Troop Greene 1280 & 9280 (No Rain This Year)

UMBRELLA CONTEST:

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

1ST PLACE: Addison Wilson "Splink Splank"
 2ND PLACE: Maddoo Boal "If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!"
 3RD PLACE: Juliana Kirsch "A tribute to Miss Rain Day throughout the year."



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LITTLE MISS: Payton Duncan
 LITTLE MISS PHOTOGENIC: Brynlee Bard
 LITTLE MISS PERSONALITY: Lily Hritz

JR MISS: Danika Grim
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Miss Rain Day Pageant Results

Six young ladies from around Greene County competed in the 46th annual Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by Rain Day Scholarship Inc. The competition was held on July 28 at Waynesburg Central High School Auditorium.

The 46th Annual Pageant was the highlight of eight weeks of preparation and events for the girls. They attended a Kick-off banquet, had professional portraits taken by Casey Jo Photography (Casey Robinson), toured Laurel Caverns followed by dinner at Marilyn's on Main, and attended a Wild Things Game.

They assisted Abby Ray, Miss Rain Day 2023, with her service project benefiting Voices of Independence.

They were also interviewed on WANB radio and, of course, they rehearsed... and they were fabulous the night of the pageant!

They were judged on the basis of Personal Interview, Sportswear, Talent and Evening Gown competitions.

Bryn Lahew was crowned Miss Rain Day 2024. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Michelle Shannon and Chay Lahew of Waynesburg. This fall she will be a senior at Waynesburg Central High School. For her talent, she performed A MUSICAL THEATER ROUTINE TO THE SONG "SPANISH ROSE".

In addition to the MRD title, Bryn won the John O'Hara award, the Pageantry Spirit Award, Miss Photogenic Award, tied for Sportswear and Top Evening Gown.

Leah Williamson was named 1st Runner Up. Leah is the 15-year-old daughter of Michael and Sondra Williamson of Greensboro. This fall she will be a sophomore at Mapletown High School. She performed a JAZZ ROUTINE TO THE SONG "KOKOMO".

Leah won the Kelly Smotzer Memo-

rial Award, the Remo C Bertugli Memorial Award, the Scholastic Achievement Award and Top Talent Award.

Camryn Hawfield was named 2nd Runner Up. Camryn is the 16-year-old daughter of Tim and Betsy Hawfield of Waynesburg. This fall she will be a junior at Waynesburg Central High School. She performed a CONTEMPORARY ROUTINE TO THE SONG "LOVE CAN KILL".

Camryn won the Abby Ray Hard of Hearing Award, Miss Personality Award, tied for Sportswear with her bestie Bryn Patton and Top Interview.

Isabella Wise is the 14-year-old daughter of Brian and Heather Wise of Mather. She will be a freshman at Jefferson Morgan High School. Isabella performed a TAP ROUTINE TO THE SONG "FEEL IT STILL" Isabella won the Rainmaker Award and the Bryn Patton Smile Award.

Meah Branham is the 15-year-old daughter of Kassie Branham of Bobtown. She will be a junior at Mapletown High School. She performed a VOCAL SELECTION TO THE SONG "DON'T RAIN ON MY PARADE". She was awarded the Rain Drop Award.

Sienna Stoneking is the 14-year-old daughter of Amanda and Daniel Stoneking of Carmichaels. This fall she will be a freshman at Carmichaels High School. Contestant #6 will perform a CONTEMPORARY ROUTINE TO THE SONG "I DO". She was awarded the Rain Drop Award.

Ellie Udovich (Crown Bearer) is the 7-year-old daughter of Mike and Joey Udovich of Rices Landing, PA. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Mary Ann Hardy of Crucible, PA, and Sharon Udovich, who also resides in Crucible.



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Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

*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.*

LOOKING BACK AT FOOTBALL IN GREENE COUNTY

With football season upon us, I thought it might be interesting to look back at the origins of the sport in the County. This month I will cover Waynesburg College and High School. Next, month I will cover the fascinating history of the multiple smaller schools in the County (both past and present).

In 1894, Thomas Davis Whittles, an English immigrant, is credited with bringing the game to Waynesburg College after he transferred in from Lafayette College. He bought a football for \$5.00 and began recruiting classmates to join the team. First, he had to convince the College president A. B. Miller the game was not too violent. Miller finally consented because five of the players were ministerial students. In addition, Thomas Crago, a respected alum, agreed to be the first manager/coach.

In the late 19th century, Protestant America placed a new emphasis on athletics in what has been called the “Muscular Christianity Movement.” Many church and civic leaders feared the “feminization” of the Victorian Anglo-Saxon culture. This was exacerbated by the influx of “rough and tumble” (Catholic) men who were moving to Western Pennsylvania to work in the coal mines and steel mills. This fear of immigrants pushed many Protestant leaders to support the more “manly” sport of football.

It was in this environment that Waynesburg College played its first game at home against West Virginia University on October 19, 1885. The Orange and Black won the contest 10-8. It is believed the Mountaineer’s overconfidently sent their reserves because they won the rematch in Morgantown 40-6.

In what many consider to be the school’s first “real game” later that the season, Waynesburg beat W&J 4-0 on Thanksgiving Day. A touchdown was worth four points at that time. Most of the fans in attendance had no idea of the rules of the game.

Waynesburg High School adopted a policy in 1912 that one had to actually be enrolled at the school to play on any sports team. Therefore, official scholastic football started the following year. That 1913 team played against much larger teams such as Washington, Uniontown, and Charleroi. Two of the young men on that team were James Farrell and William Throckmorton. Farrell became the first casualty from Greene County in the looming Great War, and Throckmorton was ill-fated to be one of the men of Company K killed on Rain Day in France.

In an interesting aside to the 1915 season, the team lost to Scottdale 66-0, before rebounding with a 66-0 victory against North Union the following week. The following year, in the last season before a three-year hiatus due to WWI, the team played in the first “night game” in County history. The Scottdale High School team truck left at 10:00 AM for a 3:30 Saturday afternoon game. Because of the pouring rain and “the worst roads in Western Pennsylvania”, the team didn’t get to Waynesburg until 5:15. The game started as soon as they arrived, but the November dusk was soon upon them. Luckily, the clouds had lifted, and there was a full moon that night. The visitors scored the only two touchdowns in a moonlit fourth quarter.

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08/23	@ Greensburg Salem	7:00pm
08/30	Carrick	7:00pm
09/06	Connellsville	7:00pm
09/13	@ Northern	7:00pm
09/20	@ Uniontown	7:00pm
09/27	Allegany	7:00pm
10/04	Clear Spring	7:00pm
10/18	Brownsville	7:00pm
10/25	@ Weir	7:00pm



Beth-Center Bulldogs

08/23	Riverview	7:00pm
08/30	@ Leechburg	7:00pm
09/06	Monessen	7:00pm
09/13	@ Carmichaels	7:00pm
09/20	Bentworth	7:00pm
09/27	@ Avella	7:00pm
10/04	Jefferson-Morgan	7:00pm
10/11	@ Mapletown	7:00pm
10/18	California	7:00pm
10/25	West Greene	7:00pm



Carmichaels Mighty Mikes

08/23	Seton LaSalle	5:00pm
08/30	@ Sto-Rox	7:00pm
09/06	Frazier	7:00pm
09/13	Beth-Center	7:00pm
09/20	Jefferson-Morgan	7:00pm
09/27	@Bentworth	7:00pm
10/04	@California	7:00pm
10/11	Avella	7:00pm
10/18	West Greene	7:00pm
10/25	@Mapletown	7:00pm



Clay-Battalia Cee Bees

08/30	Hundred	7:00pm
09/06	Madonna	7:00pm
09/13	@ Valley	7:00pm
09/20	@ Trinity Christian	7:00pm
09/27	Tygarts Valley	7:00pm
10/04	Hancock	7:00pm
10/11	@ Meadow Bridge	7:00pm
10/18	Cameron	7:00pm
10/25	@ Beallsville	7:00pm
11/01	@ Paden City	7:00pm
11/08	@ Magnolia	7:00pm



Jefferson-Morgan Rockets

08/23	@ Chartiers-Houston	7:00pm
08/30	@ Waynesburg	7:00pm
09/06	Burgettstown	7:00pm
09/13	Mapletown	7:00pm
09/20	@ Carmichaels	7:00pm
09/27	West Greene	7:00pm



10/04	@ Beth-Center	7:00pm
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Mapletown Maples

08/23	Avella	7:00pm
08/30	@ Frazier	7:00pm
09/06	@Chartiers-Houston	7:00pm
09/13	@ Jefferson-Morgan	7:00pm
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Waynesburg Raiders

08/23	@ West Greene	7:00pm
08/30	Jeffersdon-Morgan	7:00pm
09/06	@ California	7:00pm
09/13	@ Washington	7:00pm
09/20	@ Steel Valley	7:00pm
09/27	Seton LaSalle	7:00pm
10/04	Carlynton	7:00pm
10/11	Keystone Oaks	7:00pm
10/18	@ Charleroi	7:00pm
10/25	Sto-Rox	7:00pm



West Greene Pioneers

08/23	Waynesburg	7:00pm
08/30	@ Monessen	7:00pm
09/06	Fort Cherry	7:00pm
09/13	Avella	7:00pm
09/20	@ Mapletown	7:00pm
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Waynesburg University Yellow Jackets

09/07	Case Western Reserve	1:00pm
09/14	@ Westminster	1:00pm
09/21	Washington & Jefferson	1:00pm
09/28	@ Saint Vincent	1:00pm
10/05	@ Carnegie Mellon	7:00pm
10/19	Bethany	1:00pm
10/26	@ Allegheny	5:00pm
11/02	Grove City	1:00pm
11/09	Thiel	1:00pm
11/16	@ Geneva	1:00pm



Schedules posted at time of printing, subject to change.



Milan Saab, a sixth-grader at Jefferson Morgan Elementary School, is a member of the MOV Premier Softball Team. They are the 10U Champions of the Softball World Series that was held in Columbus, Ohio on July 26, 27 and 28, 2024. There were 56 teams from 14 different states participating in the 10U division. MOV Premier played a total of nine games, going 9 - 0, scoring 102 runs, and only giving up 21 runs.



Brendan Eberenof and his son, Angstrom Eberenz, competed at the Brodak Fly-In in June.

"We lived in Carmichaels for five years and, during that time, my kids wanted to see where the airplane road sign pointed to. After following the road back to Brodak's, we sat and watched all the airplanes. The kids loved it!" says Toni Ruda-Eberenz

Angstrom started flying when he was eight, and he is now 14. At the fly-in this year, he won 15 awards, competing in several stunt events (intermediate level), racing, carrier, and balloon bust. Brendan won stunt for his class (beginner).

At NATS, Angstrom went on to become the National Champion in PAMPA Intermediate Stunt, the Junior National Champion in PAMPA Stunt, and won several other stunt and carrier awards. Brendan became the National Champion in PAMPA Beginner Stunt which then made him the triple crown winner. (He came in first in his class at Brodak's, Joe Nall, and Nationals.)

Toni and Brendan's daughter Xyndl Eberenz, age 11, has now started flying and is hoping to compete at Brodak's next year. At NATS, she came in second in PAMPA Basic Stunt and placed 2nd in the fly-off for Junior National Champion in PAMPA Stunt.

Toni also plans to start flying, so it will be a family affair.

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JM Announces the Sports Hall of Fame 2024 Class

Jefferson-Morgan is thrilled to introduce their inaugural Hall of Fame class, selected through nominations and by the Jefferson-Morgan Sports Hall of Fame committee. This committee is made up of administrators, retired teachers, current teachers, the school board athletic committee chair, and dedicated community member volunteers.

During this first year, they will honor three classes: Fall, Winter, and Spring. The Fall Class will be celebrated at the home football game on Friday, September 27. Members of the Class who are unable to attend will be honored at an athletic event later in the school year.

Each member of the Hall of Fame will also be honored on a new electronic touch screen display called the "Wall of Fame," which will be installed this fall in the lobby of the High School Gymnasium.

MADISON CLAYTON

Madison Clayton, a distinguished athlete from the Jefferson-Morgan Middle/High School graduating class of 2018, is being honored for her exceptional contributions to soccer. During her high school career, she played as part of a cooperative agreement in soccer with Waynesburg Central from 2014-2017, where she was coached by Joe Kijowski and Colby Love. Madison led her team to victory as the 2017 WPIAL AA Girls Soccer Champion and became the leading scorer in Jefferson-Morgan/Waynesburg Central history with an impressive 142 career goals. She earned All-State selection, was a four-time All-WPIAL, and a four-time All-Section player. Notably, she led the entire WPIAL in scoring for both 2016 and 2017, setting a record with 57 goals in a single season.

Following her stellar high school career, Madison continued her soccer journey at the University of Pittsburgh from 2018-2021, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications. She then played for Ohio University from 2021-2022, completing a master's degree in sports administration. Currently, she works as the Director of Donor Relations and Communications, including Chief of Staff at West Virginia University. Madison's dedication, talent, and leadership both on and off the field make her a deserving inductee into the Jefferson-Morgan Sports Hall of Fame, celebrating her lasting impact on the sport and her community.

BRANDI (ANKNEY) LAURITA

Brandi (Ankney) Laurita, a 2000 graduate of the Jefferson-Morgan School District, is celebrated for her remarkable achievements as a multi-sport athlete in volleyball, softball, and basketball. During her high school years from 1996-2000, she earned over 10 letters and received multiple All-Section selections, as well as All-WPIAL honors in both volleyball and softball. Coached by Ron Headlee in volleyball, Tom McCort in softball, and Buddy Hawk in basketball, Brandi showcased her versatility and skill as an outside hitter in volleyball, a center fielder in softball, and a forward on the basketball team.

After graduating from Jefferson-Morgan, Brandi continued her athletic career at NCAA Division II St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina, playing both softball and volleyball for four years. She garnered numerous accolades, including the Carolinas Virginia Athletic Conference Academic All-Conference, the Carolinas Virginia Athletic Conference Murphy Osborne Outstanding Senior Athlete Finalist, the St. Andrews Award Winner, the Knight Award for St. Andrews Outstanding Senior Athlete, and the Volleyball Coaches Award for Leadership. Currently, Brandi serves as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletics at the University of Findlay in Ohio, having previously held the position of Athletic Director

there. Her dedication, leadership, and exceptional athletic and academic accomplishments make her a fitting inductee into the Jefferson-Morgan Sports Hall of Fame.

BEN PARKER

Ben Parker, the legendary football coach of the Jefferson Jeffs, left an indelible mark on Jefferson-Morgan's athletic history during the mid-20th century. The Rockets football field, named in his honor, stands as a testament to his incredible coaching career, where he amassed a remarkable record of 122-14-11, boasting an impressive .897 winning percentage. A standout player himself, Parker was part of the outstanding Waynesburg College teams of the early 1930s under the legendary coach Frank Wolfe. He carried forward Wolfe's single wing philosophy, even as the T-formation became dominant in the 1940s. His strategic prowess led the Jeffs to a 7-1-1 season in 1940, after which the team remained unbeaten until the 1945 season finale. Alongside his coaching duties, Parker also served as the high school principal, further demonstrating his commitment to the school and its students.

Despite their dominance, Parker's teams often faced challenges in securing enough Gardner Points to qualify for the WPIAL playoffs, as few "Class B" schools would schedule them. Nonetheless, his perseverance paid off in 1951 when the team finally earned enough points and tied Wilmerding 20-20 to become WPIAL Co-Champions. Beyond his coaching success, Parker's leadership extended into public service, where he served in the Pennsylvania legislature upon his retirement from coaching. His legacy is not only enshrined in the record books and the named field but also in the hearts of the Jefferson-Morgan community, celebrating his dedication, strategic brilliance, and commitment to excellence.

1973-1974 FOOTBALL TEAM

The 1973-74 Jefferson-Morgan Rockets football teams stand as a testament to excellence and dominance in WPIAL Class B football. Clinching the WPIAL Class B Football Championship titles in both 1973 and 1974, the Rockets also emerged as conference champions in those years. Under the leadership of coaches Walt Whitehead in 1973 and Dave Eavenson in 1974, the Rockets showcased their prowess and resilience on the field. In 1973, the team achieved a 9-0-1 record, with their only blemish being a tie with rival Carmichaels. The following year, the Rockets completed a perfect 10-0 season, bringing their two-year record to an impressive 19-0-1.

The Rockets' remarkable journey included notable victories, such as their 35-6 triumph over Western Beaver in the 1973 championship game and a commanding 20-0 win against Midland in the 1974 championship game. The 1973 team notably ended Chartiers-Houston's two-season undefeated streak with a 15-0 victory. That year, the team allowed just 43 points overall, including posting three shutouts. Key players who contributed to the Rockets' success included Dennis Garrett, Jon Culp, Jeff Culp, Steve Yourich, and Kevin Martin, among others. The legacy of the 1973-74 Jefferson-Morgan Rockets is etched in the annals of school history, celebrating their unmatched dedication, teamwork, and football excellence.

MICHAEL MCCORT

Michael McCort, a 1995 graduate, was a three-sport athlete in football, baseball, and wrestling from 1991 to 1995. In football, he played running back, outside linebacker, cornerback, and returned kicks for the Rockets. Michael was an all-conference selection and was named to the Fab 22. He was also on the WPIAL wrestling championship team and was part of four playoff baseball teams. He was coached by Jan Haiden in

football, Ron Headlee in wrestling, and John Curtis in baseball.

Michael went on to play football and baseball at West Virginia Wesleyan College, then baseball at California University of Pennsylvania, and later attended chiropractic school at Logan University.

Michael currently resides in Washington, PA with his wife and two daughters. He is a chiropractor and a softball coach.

Michael's dedication to multiple sports, his talent, and his leadership both on and off the field make him a deserving inductee into the Jefferson-Morgan Sports Hall of Fame, celebrating his lasting impact on the sport and her community.

ROBERT KEYS JR.

Rob Keys, a 1990 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan, distinguished himself as a three-sport athlete in football, wrestling, and track and field from 1986-1990. Under the guidance of his father and coach, Bob Keys, Rob excelled in football as a quarterback, defensive back, and kicker. He led the Rockets to an undefeated 10-0 regular season, becoming Tri-County South champions and advancing to the WPIAL semi-finals. His exceptional performance earned him First Team Quarterback honors from both the Tri-County South Conference and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Additionally, Rob was the third leading scorer in the entire WPIAL, showcasing his versatility and skill as both quarterback and kicker.

In wrestling, Rob continued to demonstrate his athletic prowess, becoming the Southwest Regional and WPIAL Wrestling Champion under coach Ron Headlee. His talents on the football field carried him to West Virginia University (WVU), where he starred as a special teams player and was named captain in the 1995 season. Rob's coaching career has been equally impressive, with roles at various Division 1 and 2 schools, culminating in a successful tenure as Head Coach at the University of Findlay in Ohio from 2011-2022. During his time at Findlay, he amassed an overall record of 75-43 with ten winning seasons. Currently, Rob Keys serves as the Quality Control Coach for kicking at The Ohio State University. In recognition of his outstanding contributions and achievements, Rob Keys is now honored as an inductee into the Jefferson-Morgan Sports Hall of Fame.

JUSTIN FALCON

Justin Falcon, a 2008 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan, distinguished himself as a multi-sport athlete in football, basketball, and baseball. Under the guidance of head coach Jan Haiden, Justin excelled on the football field as the Rockets' running back and outside linebacker. He is the all-time leading rusher for the Rockets, amassing an impressive 3,155 rushing yards. During his senior season, Justin scored 24 touchdowns and accumulated over 146 points, earning the Herald Standard Touchdown Club winner title. His outstanding performance also garnered him several accolades, including 2nd Team All-State Linebacker, Tribune Review Terrific 25 member, and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Fab 22 member.

Following his stellar high school career, Justin attended Waynesburg University, where he majored in secondary mathematics education. He became a four-year starter at running back for the university's football team and spent a year on the golf team. Currently, Justin Falcon is a Major Account Executive in Pittsburgh with AmCom/Xerox. In recognition of his remarkable athletic achievements and contributions, Justin Falcon has been honored as an inductee into the Jefferson-Morgan Sports Hall of Fame, celebrating his legacy and impact on the school's sports history.

CCAA TO HOST FREE SERVESAFE® TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS AGES 55+

Fayette County Community Action Agency is hosting free ServSafe® training opportunities for residents ages 55+ through its Hillman Foundation-funded Senior Worker Advocacy Program this fall.

The ServSafe Trainings are designed to help participants prepare for the ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification exam. The trainings cover these concepts: food safety, personal hygiene, time and temperature control, cross contamination prevention, cleaning/sanitizing, receiving/storing food, methods of thawing/cooking/reheating food and food safety regulations. Participants take the certification exam immediately following their training session.

The trainings are free to residents ages 55+ in Fayette, Greene, Washington & Westmoreland Counties; employers are also able to register their age-eligible employees, at no cost to them; all materials are provided. The training dates, locations and times are as follows:

Friday, September 20th 8 am to 4 pm
PA CareerLink® Greene County | 200 Greene Plaza, Waynesburg, PA 15370

Friday, September 27th 8 am to 4 pm
Blueprints | 150 West Beau Street, 4th Floor Conference Room, Washington PA, 15301

Friday, October 4th 8 am to 4 pm
PA CareerLink® Westmoreland County at Youngwood | 151 Pavilion Lane, Youngwood, PA 15697

Fayette County Community Action Agency's Senior Worker Advocacy Program was established to engage residents and employers in the four-county area within in these components: Career Support & Employer Linkages; Employer Advocacy & Education, Mentorship Connections and Financial Coaching.

The deadline to register to participate in the classes is two-weeks prior to the start of that class session. For more information on services available and/or to register for classes, contact Project Manager Kevin VanVerth at 724.430.6413 or email kvanverth@fccaa.org.



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"I love working here because we help people," she told me with a thousand-watt smile. "This is a great place with great resources. Plus, it gives me a chance to get the word out in Greene County."

Local PA CareerLinks customize for the communities they serve, Site Administrator Terri Taylor added. "We're a co-op, a one-stop center for training and job placement. We partner with other agencies and employers to help workers who fall through the cracks. This ensures everyone who comes in can be served. We share our resources and our partnerships help our clients be their best."

One special resource is Dress For Success, an organization that helps women entering the workforce by providing support, professional attire and developmental tools.

Here at PA CareerLink, with its workstations and classrooms, there are monthly classes in GED remediation, HiSET testing, career prep workshops, and occupational training through SW Training Services and PA Labor and Industry, including an 80-hour Underground Coal Mining Course by Jennmar Services.

In Greene County, the focus is on finding jobs and training for seniors over age 55, workers with a disability, youth age 14-24, veterans, those receiving TANF and SNAP, dislocated workers, and the unemployed, including recently returning citizens.

Some of the barriers to entering the workforce are financial, Taylor noted. Partnering with employers to provide training and scholarships for new workers who are up to the task is an bonus. PA CareerLink's partner agencies also offer incentives for necessities to help workers stay on the job, such as

gas cards, auto repairs, child care and help with housing.

"I love my case manager Kimberly - she's amazing! She's always there for me when I call." Maranda Durbin, a 2023 graduate of the Greene County Career and Technology nursing program, learned about PA CareerLink from fellow students and was able to get help with school supplies. After graduating in June, she now

has a job at WeCare at Rolling Meadows and is just finishing up the specialized in-house training that goes along with her new job.

"We work hard to ensure that everyone who comes in can be served," Taylor said. "Agencies and employers working together help us all better use the resources we have."

Upcoming workshops and job fairs keep the focus on what workers and the community need to thrive. PA CareerLink is hosting several walk-in events during August and into September from 10am-2pm. Greene County Resource Day on Friday August 30 will showcase some of the legal tools available to job seekers, including domestic violence resources, background checks, drivers license and fair housing. A follow-up Job Fair at PA CareerLink on Thursday September 12 will focus on apprenticeships in construction, corrections, healthcare and hospitality, along with manufacturing, mining, gas and oil, transportation and more.

Veterans are welcome at the fair and can register for Veterans Workshops on September 12, 10am-2pm. It's a chance to speak with a Veterans Employment Coordinator about services for disabilities and the Veterans Readiness and Employment Program. Call 361-232-7290 to register.

Workers age 55 plus involved in community food preparation take note—PA CareerLink is hosting a free ServSafe Training and Certification for food and beverage on Friday, September 20, 8am-4pm. Funded by the Hillman Foundation, pre-registration is required and includes class, book and exam cost. Call 724-430-6413.

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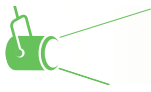
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MONARCH WOUND CARE

Jaqueline Gay DPT, CWS felt limited in treating her patients while working in large hospitals in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia. She knew the same treatments do not work for every wound. After working in wound care for 22 years, Gay moved to open Monarch Wound Care on July 10, 2023, a privately owned wound and lymphedema clinic.

Through being independently owned Monarch can personalize treatment plans and offer a multi-disciplinary approach to wound care. They are the only wound clinic in the area with a Certified Wound Specialist (CWS) accredited by the American Academy of Wound Management on staff (owner and operator Jaqueline Gay).

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Carmichaels is coming alive again for the annual Covered Bridge Festival, located at the Greene Academy of Art at 314 North Market Street. Built in the 1770s, the Carmichaels Covered Bridge is one of seven covered bridges that remain in Greene County. This year's festivities will take place on Saturday, September 21st from 10am to 4:30pm, and Sunday, September 22nd, from 12pm to 4:30pm. Come out for a lively concoction of family fun, from local artisans and craft vendors to music, history, and free activities such as face painting, which will be offered both days from 12-3pm, and horse-drawn wagon rides, which will also operate both days from 12-4:30pm. The festival will also feature delicious fare from DJ's Family Diner and other local food trucks, as well as a lineup of live entertainment throughout the weekend. History buffs can explore a treasure trove of historic artifacts inside the Greene Academy and tour the Olde Mill House right across the street from 12-4:30pm Sunday afternoon, which is being restored to become the future

site of the Carmichaels Area Historical Society. Additionally, there will be live weaving demonstrations with the 17th century loom from the Rev. John Corbly house on the second floor of the Greene Academy. Free parking is available at the Laurel Point Cemetery. Covered Bridges have remained significant rural landmarks throughout our history, and we now gather to celebrate that story together, along with the talents of our local artisans, musicians, and community members as we gallop into autumn.





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When current student Olivia Behanna was looking for a program to accommodate her needs as a full-time funeral director, she decided to look local.

"I really wanted to finish my bachelor's degree and heard about Waynesburg's program," said Behanna. "I had looked into other institutions to finish my degree, but the reviews were mixed and communicating with them was a nightmare. I knew that Waynesburg was local to me and I trusted them. I think it is also worth mentioning that they trusted me. They didn't require me to write essays and do interviews to prove myself before starting their program. A few phone calls with my advisor and my prior experience was enough."

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The flexibility to complete his degree along with the familiarity of an institution he already loved was what drew Walter Paskert back to Waynesburg University as an online student.

"Being 100% online allowed me to continue my life responsibilities while also advancing my education and my future," shared Paskert about his experience in the program. "Working full-time, being a husband and father, and also being very involved with my church all present a lot of responsibilities for me to balance. But, the Online Degree Completion Program allowed me to easily navigate all of these priorities. I am very grateful."

As an online student, you may fear getting lost in the shuffle. Your educational experience is important to us, whether you're in person or online. We want you to feel confident in your courses and know someone is only a phone call or email away to offer personalized support and guidance through your journey.

"I think a big thing for me with this program was that I was always communicating with the same people," added Behanna. "At other institutions, I was constantly communicating with different people which made the process of applying difficult and confusing. I felt like I was more than just a number to them and that they actually cared about my



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BLUEPRINTS: EARLY LEARNING

BACK TO SCHOOL: A GUIDE FOR PRESCHOOL PARENTS

As the summer winds down, the excitement and anticipation of a new school year begin to build. For parents of preschoolers, this time can be both thrilling and a bit daunting. Preparing your little one for their first or another year of preschool involves more than just going back to school. It's about setting the stage for a positive and enriching experience. Here are some comprehensive tips and activities to help you and your child get ready for the new school year.

Establishing a Routine

One of the most important steps in preparing for preschool is establishing a consistent routine. Children thrive on predictability, and having a set schedule can help ease the transition from the carefree days of summer to the structured environment of school.

1. **Adjust Sleep Schedules:** Start adjusting your child's bedtime and wake-up time a few weeks before school starts. Gradually shift their schedule to match the school routine, ensuring they get enough rest.
2. **Morning Routine:** Create a morning routine that includes time for breakfast, getting dressed, and any other necessary tasks. Practice this routine to make mornings smoother once school begins.
3. **Attendance:** Talk about the importance of going to school. A consistent routine helps children feel secure and understand what to expect each day. This predictability is important for young children, as it helps them feel more comfortable and confident in their environment.

Getting the Right Gear

Having the right supplies can make a big difference in your child's comfort and confidence at school. Here are some essentials to consider:

1. **Backpack:** Choose a backpack that is the right size for your child. It should be large enough to hold any school materials, but not so big that it overwhelms them.
2. **Clothing:** Dress your child in comfortable, easy-to-manage clothing. Avoid complicated buttons or zippers that might be difficult for them to handle on their own.

Talking About School

Communication is key to helping your child feel prepared and excited about school. Talk to them about what to expect and address any concerns they might have.

1. **Read Books About School:** There are many children's books that focus on the first day of school. Reading these together can help your child understand what to expect and feel more comfortable.
2. **Visit the School:** If possible, visit the school with your child before the first day. Show them their classroom, the playground, and other important areas. Meeting the teacher ahead of time can also help reduce anxiety.
3. **Discuss Feelings:** Encourage your child to express their feelings about starting school. Validate their emotions and reassure them that it's normal to feel a mix of excitement and nervousness.

Fun Activities to Prepare for School

Engaging in fun, educational activities can help your child develop the skills they need for preschool. Here are some ideas:

1. **Crafts:** Create school-related crafts, such as making a school bus out of cardboard or decorating a pencil holder. These activities can help your child get excited about school and develop fine motor skills.
2. **Counting Games:** Practice counting and number recognition with fun games and activities. Use everyday objects like toys or snacks to make counting more engaging.
3. **Alphabet Activities:** Introduce your child to the alphabet through songs, puzzles, and books. This can help them become familiar with letters and sounds, which are important for early literacy.

Building Social Skills

Preschool is not just about academics; it's also a time for children to develop social skills and make new friends. Here are some ways to help your child build these important skills:

1. **Playdates:** Arrange playdates with other children who will be attending the same preschool. This can help your child form friendships and feel more comfortable on the first day.
2. **Role-Playing:** Practice social scenarios through role-playing. Act out common situations, such as sharing toys or taking turns, to help your child learn how to interact with others.
3. **Encourage Independence:** Give your child opportunities to do things on their own, such as dressing themselves or packing their backpack. This can boost their confidence and independence.

Managing Separation Anxiety

It's common for both children and parents to experience separation anxiety at the start of preschool. Here are some strategies to ease this transition:

1. **Short Goodbyes:** Keep goodbyes short and positive. Prolonged farewells can increase anxiety for both you and your child.
2. **Comfort Items:** Allow your child to bring a comfort item from home, such as a favorite stuffed animal or blanket. This can provide a sense of security in the new environment.



3. **Consistent Routine:** Establish a consistent drop-off routine. This predictability can help your child feel more secure and understand what to expect each day.

Staying Involved

Staying involved in your child's preschool experience can help them feel supported and connected. Here are some ways to stay engaged:

1. **Volunteer:** If possible, volunteer at your child's preschool. This can give you insight into their daily activities and help you build relationships with teachers and other parents.
2. **Communicate with Teachers:** Maintain open communication with your child's teacher. Regularly check in to discuss your child's progress and any concerns you might have.
3. **Celebrate Milestones:** Celebrate your child's achievements and milestones, no matter how small. This can boost their confidence and reinforce their love of learning.

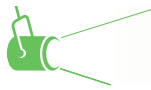
Preparing for preschool is an exciting journey for both you and your child. By establishing routines, getting the right gear, talking about school, engaging in fun activities, building social skills, managing separation anxiety, and staying involved, you can help ensure a smooth and positive transition. Remember, the goal is to create a supportive and enriching environment where your child can thrive and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Blueprints Early Learning has many early childhood program options for children & families from prenatal through age five who qualify. If you are interested in learning more, visit our website at <https://myblueprints.org> or give us a call at 724-852-2893.

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Amanda is dedicated to providing the best support for her clients. "We screen every employee by running background checks required by the state and do drug tests. We also check in with our clients monthly and do in-home check-ins quarterly, if not more frequently."

Better Living continues to expand its services to assist people in Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Indiana, Somerset and Lawrence counties. And they hope to continue that expansion into more clients, a bigger staff, more services – and eventually, even more coverage throughout Pennsylvania.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF SOUTHWESTERN PA

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Nestled in the heart of southwestern Pennsylvania, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania (DVSSP) has been a pillar of support and a beacon of hope for individuals and families affected by domestic violence for the past 40 years. Serving Washington, Greene, and Fayette counties, DVSSP has grown from humble beginnings into a comprehensive organization dedicated to empowering survivors, raising awareness, and creating safer communities. As DVSSP celebrates its 40th anniversary, the organization reflects on its journey, recent developments, and ongoing commitment to the community.

DVSSP began as a volunteer-run hotline, offering a lifeline to those in need. Over the years, the organization expanded its services to meet the growing demands of the community, establishing prevention programs and providing counseling, legal advocacy, and emergency shelter to survivors. Today, DVSSP continues to provide these essential services, ensuring that individuals across Southwestern Pennsylvania have access to the support and resources they need to break free from violence and build a brighter future.

In Greene County, DVSSP has made a significant impact by offering tailored services that address the unique needs of the community. Whether it's providing safe housing, offering prevention programs in local schools, or collaborating with municipal authorities and other nonprofits, DVSSP is deeply ingrained in the fabric of Greene County. The agency's presence at community events, such as the annual Rain Day festival in Waynesburg, highlights its commitment to raising awareness and fostering a sense of commu-

nity around the issue of domestic violence.

"We are incredibly proud of the progress we've made over the past 40 years, but we know there is still much work to be done," said Megan Hegedus, CEO of DVSSP. "Our mission is to end domestic violence by empowering survivors, raising awareness, and creating safer communities. We are deeply committed to Greene County and the entire region we serve, and we will continue to work tirelessly to achieve our vision of a world where everyone feels safe and respected in their relationships."

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, DVSSP has recently undergone a rebrand, reflecting the organization's evolving identity and renewed commitment to its mission and ensuring that DVSSP remains a trusted and recognizable resource for those in need. Additionally, a grant from the FISA Foundation has enabled the launch of a new website, offering a more user-friendly experience and easier access to vital information and resources.

"Our new branding and website are not just cosmetic changes; they represent our ongoing evolution as an organization," Hegedus continued. "We want to ensure that anyone in need can easily find the help and support they require, whether they are in Greene, Washington, or Fayette counties. These enhancements will allow us to reach more people and make a greater impact in the communities we serve."

As DVSSP looks to the future, it remains steadfast in its mission to empower survivors and build a safer, more respectful community for all. For more information about DVSSP, its services, and the new website, please visit www.peacefromdv.org. Together, we can create a future where peace begins at home.



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Weekly eBlasts, monthly eNewsletters, and additional social media platforms help us connect with our businesses, promote them to the community, and inform them of current programs, opportunities, legislative change, and ideas to help expand your business to the fullest of its potential.

The Chamber also values our community and works diligently in outreach. This year marks 86 years of hosting the Waynesburg Downtown Christmas parade. For 34 years, the Chamber has awarded an annual \$1500 educational scholarship and has in 2018 expanded our scholarships to offer the Dr. Nancy I Davis classroom and leadership memorial scholarships.

The Chamber office is open Mon.-Thurs. 10am-4pm and Friday by appt. Whether a business or individual, we take care of our members, and our staff is always here to serve you. We believe that taking care of our neighbors positively impacts our business community and economic development overall.

There is no better time to join the 350 local businesses who utilize the benefits and services that come with membership. For more information on the chamber, email info@greenechamber.org, call 724-627-5926, visit greenechamber.org or find us on Facebook @greenecountypachamber and @greenecountychamberbusinessupdates.



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THROW BACK TO GIVE BACK BRUNCH

Are you ready for a chance to travel back in time to dance and sing to your favorite '90s and '00s hip-hop and R&B music? Well, head over to the Throw Back to Give Back Brunch on September 15! The brunch will include delicious food prepared by the Denny House, as well as games, prizes, raffles, and a 50/50.

Tickets for the event are \$49 each and include entry to the venue, DJ services, and brunch. You can purchase tickets by calling 724-710-8056 or emailing innkeeper@DennyHousewbg.com. The event will be held at the Denny House in Waynesburg, thanks to a generous donation by Pam Marisa.

"I think people [will enjoy] a fun afternoon dancing and laughing their cares away. We are all under a lot of stress and we know the impact that it can have on our mental health. We are hoping that this event will give people the opportunity to come and enjoy themselves," says Brean Fuller, a mental health administrator with Greene County Human Services. "I have a sign in my office that says, 'When in doubt, dance it out.' I've always found music and dancing very therapeutic, and I think others might too."

The Throw Back to Give Back Brunch benefits Team Hope, a group of volunteers affected by suicide or suicide survivors, and professional stakeholders. Their goal is promoting suicide prevention and awareness, while providing support to those in Greene County. Team Hope wants to eliminate the stigma associated with the topic of suicide. The group provides access to information and resources and advocates for much-needed programs and services that enhance the

public awareness of suicide prevention.

"Team Hope really wants the community to know that when you are feeling like you can't go on, there are services and supports that can help you!! We encourage everyone to save 988 and our local crisis number, 1-800-417-9460, in their phones so that they have the numbers when they might need to share them or need to utilize them for themselves. We want everyone to Just kNow YOU Matter." (That's not typo! The letters are capitalized to honor the young men whose parents helped form Team Hope.)



SEPTEMBER 2024

Fort, Third Thursday monthly.

Pouring Out Praise

6:30pm-8 @Carmichaels Methodist Church, Every fourth Wednesday.

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Tuesdays, 6-8pm @Lions Club Community Park. Bring your lawn chair and/or picnic to relax on the lawn and enjoy live music in the outdoor amphitheater. Free admission. The concession stand will be open with hamburgers and hot dogs. The Farmers Market will be available for purchases.

Creative/Maker Program for Teens

@Bowby Library. For 8 weeks, Mondays 3-5pm & Fridays 1-3pm. For teens age 13-18. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

Foundry Guided Tours

Sundays, 12-4pm @WA Young & Sons Foundry and Machine Shop. General admission is \$10. Tickets should be purchased in advance at www.riversofsteel.com.

Third Friday Car Cruises

5-8pm @Thistlethwaite Vineyards. From 5pm to 8pm on the third Friday of the month, shine up your vehicles and head to the vineyard. Outside seating is available, or you can bring your own chair or blanket.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Movie Night

9/6, 7pm @Bowby Library. Enjoy movie night here at the library Friday.

September 6th, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. In the Library's Community Room.

This Month's Movie is The Garfield Movie. FREE snack and beverage! Doors open at 6:45 PM. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

Teddy Bear Picnic

9/7, 11am-1pm @Bowby Library. We're Going

son is offering the opportunity to earn your Girl Scout Archery Badge. Registration required. Register through DCNR Calendar of Events

Job Hunting Workshop

9/18, 9:30am-12:30pm @Bowby Library. The Bowby Library will be hosting a free job-hunting workshop led by Connie Swift of PA CareerLink®. Whether you are re-entering the workforce or looking for a career change, this workshop will help you reach your potential through self-assessment, resume writing tips, and using web-based resources to find jobs. You can also learn about free online classes that will help you land that job. After the presentation, attendees can put their job-hunting skills into practice using the Bowby Library computers. Please call the library at 724-627-9776 to register for the program.

Covered Bridge Festival

Third weekend of September @Carmichaels and White Covered Bridges. See articles/ads for more details about each festival.

Hunter Trapper Education

9/21, 8am @Ryerson Station State Park. All first-time hunters and trappers must complete a Basic Hunter-Trapper Education course before they can purchase a PA hunting or trapper license. Join us at Ryerson Station's trapper education center to receive your hunter education card. Registration Required. Register online at: <http://bit.ly/HunterEdCourse>

First Day of Fall Hike

9/22, 10am @Ryerson Station State Park. Join the Park Educator as we walk Lazeer Trail past the overlook and additional trails on the Day Use Side of the park. Meet at Pavilion 2 in Day Use. Hike will be approximately 3 miles and be of moderate difficulty. Wear hiking shoes and bring water.

Flashlight Drags

9/22, 2-6pm @Greene County Airport. Gates: Open at noon; racing: 2-6pm. Cost: Racers \$40, Spectators: \$10.

Cosmic Bingo

9/27, 7pm @Bowby Library. Join us for a COSMIC fun time at the library on Friday, September 27th at 7:00 PM for a fun night of Glow in the Dark or "COSMIC" Bingo! Doors open at 6:45 PM. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

CPRI/ED Training

9/28, 10:30am-2:30pm @Bowby Library. The library is offering CPR Certification classes for Adult, Child, & Infant First Aid, and AED. Upcoming dates for classes: September 28th. All classes begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 PM. Please call Sharon at 724-984-5702 to register; there is limited seating for this event. Cost is \$88 and includes training, workbook,



Lucy DeFrank of Carmichaels sent us this amazingly close up photo of a hawk that landed in her front yard.

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

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

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TOPS
10-11am @Bowby Library. Weight management support group meets every Friday. FMI: 724-627-9776

6:30pm @Carmichaels & Cumberland Twp VFC, every Tuesday.

White Covered Bridge Assoc. Meeting
7-8:30am @Greene Twp. Community Building

and beverage! Doors open at 6:45 PM. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

Teddy Bear Picnic

9/7, 11am-1pm @Bowby Library. We're Going

7:00pm @ Stone Mt. Community Dancing.

Take Home CPR Kit, 2 yr. certification card & manual.

On A Picnic! We're Going On A Picnic! Everyone who has a special stuffed friend is invited to bring that stuffed friend to the library for an exciting afternoon of stories, games, crafts, and a picnic lunch fit for a bear! You can even stuff a new friend to take home with you!

Community Solar Presentation
9/28, 2:30pm @Bowliby Library. A 15-minute presentation on community solar for homeowners. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

First Tuesday each month. FMI, visit facebook.com/wcbridge

Tech Tutoring

@Bowliby Library. Need help with your device? A tech-savvy librarian is ready to help! Reserve your spot; call 724-627-9776.

Mahjong Club

1-4pm @Bowliby Library on Wednesdays. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

Wine Down Wednesday

5pm @Thistlethwaite Vineyards. Glass and bottle specials, food, and a peaceful atmosphere each Wednesday.

Finniken Book Club

6-7pm @Finniken Library. Second Tuesday each month.

Bowliby Book Club

4pm @Bowliby Library. Second Thursday every month. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

Coffee with Veterans

8-10am @ varying locations. Second Saturday each month. (see add for upcoming locations)

Warrior Trail Meeting

6:30pm @Warrior Trail Headquarters, Garards

Dungeons & Dragons Session

12:30pm-3:30pm @Bowliby Library. Led by Dungeon Master Matthew every Friday and Saturday.

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

10:30-11:30am @Bowliby Library. Led by Sheri Tucker. Cost: \$5. Every Saturday. Call 724-627-9776 to RSVP.

Roller Skating

7pm @Mon View Roller Rink, Greensboro on Fridays & Saturdays. 10 & under skate on Friday from 6-7pm. Closed on holidays.

Friends Sharing Grief

5pm @Bowliby Library. First and third Monday of every month. Support group for those that have suffered a loss. FMI: 724-627-9776.

Divorce Support

7pm @First Christian Church in Waynesburg on Mondays.

SOAR Meeting

6:30pm @Greene Co. Airport. First Tuesday each month. FMI, visit soarofgreeneconomy.org.

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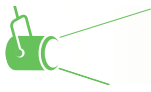


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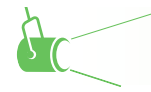
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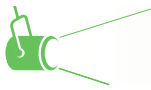
“We are first- and second-generation beekeepers, with our children laboring along with us during hive inspections, honey harvests, and pollination moves,” Sara says. “We like to say that we keep the bees, and the bees

keep us.”

In addition to their local honey, Bedillion Honey Farm has an on-farm honey shop that offers handmade beeswax candles, soaps, and a complete line of beekeeping equipment and supplies, including live honeybees. They also offer the opportunity to sell their honey products to raise money for your organization.

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DUDA'S FARM

Duda's Farm is a family owned and operated farm located in Brownsville, PA that has been providing home-grown produce for more than 35 years. In addition to their numerous roadside stands, including a stand in Greene County at the airport, their farm has a farm store, greenhouses, and during the fall, hayrides, corn mazes, and a haunted farm attraction.

Duda's grows over 25 different kinds of vegetables and fruits, all of which are available at their roadside stands and market — their famous Super Sweet Corn is always a favorite!

If you're a canner, you can place an order in bulk at the market or by calling 724-246-7601. From peaches and apples, to tomatoes, peppers, and more, a variety of bulk fruits and vegetables available. Duda's Farm Market is open until November.

With Duda's reward program, you'll receive 10% off your next purchase! To begin enjoying your rewards, download the Clover app and search for Duda's Farms. Once you arrive at the stand, open the app to check in and notify the em-

ployee to apply your rewards points. All locations accept credit cards, EBT, Farmers Market checks, and cash.

"Pumpk'n Pick'n Hayrides" at Duda's Farm starts mid-September and lasts until October 31. Admission includes a hayride to the pumpkin patch, pick your own pumpkin, corn maze, walk through animal barn, double barrel shotgun slides, and more.

Returning this season is Duda's Haunted Farm. Every Friday and Saturday, starting on September 13, you can visit Duda's in the evening for the Haunted Corn Maze and Haunted Hayride. Check out @DudasHauntedFarm FMI.



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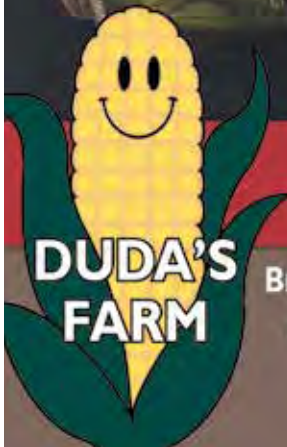
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CCC: Trusted Leaders in Medical Marijuana Certification

As a pioneer in PA's medical marijuana industry since the state started its program in 2016, Compassionate Certification Centers (CCC) has stood out for its exceptional service and patient care. With a strong reputation and more than 100,000 patients served throughout Pennsylvania, CCC is now proud to now extend its top-notch certification services to patients in West Virginia as well.

"Our goal has always been to support, educate, and remove any stigma associated with MMJ certifications, and we are proud to be ongoing advocates for both the PA and WV MMJ communities and their patients," said Dr. Bryan Doner, Chief Medical Officer and Co-Founder of CCC.

Founded on these principles of empathy and patient-first care, CCC has long been a trusted leader in medical marijuana certification throughout PA. Patients are welcomed into a supportive and understanding program where their health and well-being are the primary focus, and with convenient telehealth services, CCC patients can privately and securely meet with a doctor from the comfort of home.

"We believe in providing personalized care, ensuring each patient receives the attention and support they deserve throughout the certification process and beyond," said Dr. Doner. "Even now, nearly 10 years into the PA program, medical marijuana can be hard for new patients to understand and legally access. Our goal at CCC is to break down those barriers through excellent education, supportive resources and dedicated care that is always patient-first," he added.

CCC Expands into West Virginia

CCC's expansion into West Virginia marks a significant milestone, reinforcing its mission to make medical marijuana certification accessible and approachable for more patients in need.

With this growth, CCC brings its extensive experience and acclaimed service to a broader community, ensuring that patients in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia can benefit from their expertise, as well as a bevy of useful resources and education for medical marijuana patients.

At CCC, the certification process is streamlined and straightforward, minimizing stress for patients. The center offers comprehensive evaluations and guidance, making sure patients are well-informed and comfortable every step of the way, and CCC's staff are uniquely trained and knowledgeable about each state's program, ensuring that patients are safely and legally certified according to the law.

Patients consistently praise CCC for its professionalism, compassionate care, and the positive impact their experience has had on their health journey. By focusing on individualized care and maintaining high standards of service, Compassionate Certification Centers continues to set the benchmark for medical marijuana certification.

PA and WV residents interested in learning more about CCC's services or registering for a medical marijuana card can book a virtual appointment on the company's website, www.cccregister.com, or call (888) 316-9085 to speak with a member of the team for details.

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MCDONALDS

When Kathy Santonastasso started working for McDonald's in 1980 as a crew member, she did not know where it would lead her. She loved being a part of the company and, taking advantage of the many opportunities for growth, began working her way through the company. After spending time as a General Manager, Training Consultant, and Operations Consultant, Kathy and her husband John bought their first two McDonald's in 2016, both in Waynesburg. They now own a total of 23 restaurants throughout the Pittsburgh area.

McDonald's isn't just about selling food – they also give back to their employees and communities. The Santonastasso's McDon-

ald's support local school districts and athletic organizations, Summer Reading at local libraries, Waynesburg University, and much more. Through programs like MAC Grants for Teachers, McTeacher nights, and Arch Support, thousands of dollars are donated to local schools and charities.

They also pride themselves on being an employer of choice. As a McDonald's Franchise Organization, Santonastasso Enterprises employs 750+ local residents in part-time crew and full-time career positions. Their employees are eligible for \$2,500/year college scholarships, tutoring, career counseling, and educational support through McDonald's exclusive education program Archways to Opportunity. "It's a comprehensive education strategy that helps employees reach their full potential no matter where they are on their journey," Kathy says.

"We're a family-run business, and our vision for our business is running great restaurants by taking care of the customer and our people, building a thriving and sustainable business," Kathy shares.

Visit the Waynesburg's McDonald's at 5 Sugar Run Road or 273 E Roy Furman Hwy to enjoy your McDonald's tasty favorites or to inquire about employment opportunities.



ALBATROSS VENTURES

Some businesses are known for their ever-changing products and services. Others see regular fluctuation and turn-over in their employees. But Albatross prides itself on a different standard.

Founded in 2014, Albatross Ventures is a gas and oil service based on dependability and a long-term community presence. Randy Johns, an assets manager for Albatross, shares that the company's namesake bird is capable of flying 24/7 for weeks at a time before landing. Now, approaching its tenth anniversary, Albatross Ventures has done well to maintain this persona as a company that works tirelessly to provide the best service around. Jason Foster, who handles task delegation for Albatross, states, "You often see trucks around, but how much do you see the same name on

the side?" It is this reliability that comes with passing an Albatross truck on the roads of our community.

Albatross is much more than simply a gas and oil company. Water hauling is only the beginning of their line-up of resources. The company handles on-site well pad services, as well as tractor, trailer, and dump truck services. Working directly with well operators, Albatross makes sure that the individual needs of each customer and project site are met to the highest level of satisfaction.

Also, unlike many other businesses of today, Albatross is a true local fixture. With a tightly knit team of 115 employees, one headquarters office, located in Carmichaels, PA, and a single industrial unloading site in Westmoreland County, Albatross keeps the work close to home.

Albatross takes a unique approach to supply management, utilizing three and a half miles of railroad capability connected to their 200-acre industrial site. Shipping and receiving goods like sand, pipe, and other materials via rail is a much more efficient method, not to mention a more cost-effective supplement to truck delivery, and a safety implementation that keeps a few more trucks off the roads and out of daily traffic.

But just because the business is strictly local doesn't mean there aren't numerous employment opportunities. Jason outlines some of the many ways to get involved with the Albatross team. Labor positions, mechanics – both on the road and in the shop – and Roust-



about workers, or mechanically inclined individuals who undertake a wide variety of jobs throughout the many local well sites, are all currently in high demand. “The team that we’ve built with the combined relationships and experiences is what makes it all work,” Jason proudly says of his company and co-workers.

Because of this, employee retainage is extremely high and of the highest regard. “We look for people who are looking for a career,” says Jason. “Long term sustainability

matters. Albatross doesn’t just fill positions for a short-term fix but is committed to hiring employees that are committed to their career, and to being a passionate and dedicated member of the team. Jason remarks that at other companies, “people come and go from out of town. Not us.” With this commitment to excellence in the gas and oil industry, it’s no wonder Albatross has flown high in their field for 10 years and is sailing at full speed into the next decade.



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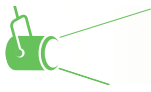
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The fest activities include: Fiber Sorting, Fiber Carding, Spinning, Scavenger Hunt, Hay Rides, Kids' Hay Slide, Pronking Races, a Children's Art Table, Hand-Knit Shawl Raffle and some surprises!

Our Lippencott Alpaca" Knitting Herd" will be offering knitting, crochet, woven & felted demos. Fiber vendors will have plenty of hand made items for purchase. Our Farm Store will be stuffed

with items for colder days: a variety of Socks, colorful Gloves, fabulous Glittens, impressive Hats, and multicolored Alpaca Yarns & Yarn Blends! Bring your yarn patterns and have a "field Day" in our Farm Store! Bring your family and make memories on our farm!

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Grant awards for Community grants will not exceed \$5,000.

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

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

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

For more information about these grant opportunities:

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to review guidelines, application procedures and process.

Applications will be accepted through the CFGC Online Grant Portal on the CFGC Grants website at <http://www.cfgcpa.org/apply-for-a-grant/>



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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENE COUNTY

The Community Foundation of Greene County supports projects improving the quality of life in Greene County through arts and culture, education, children and families, community and economic development, medical needs, human services, and more. New grants, such as the GIVE Greene County Fund and the Fall 2024 grants allow them to continue improving our community.

The EQT Foundation, in partnership with the Community Foundation of Greene County, announced the GIVE Greene County Fund to support nonprofits and agencies in the community. The fund will provide some of the financial support area nonprofits need to address the community's needs and to be change agents in Greene County.

The endowed GIVE Greene County Fund will continue into perpetuity, providing annual support to nonprofits providing charitable services in Greene County. Interested nonprofits can apply through an annual grant application process.

Anyone can donate to the fund. EQT landowners are especially encouraged to make contributions, as the EQT Foundation will match up to \$10,000 per land lease for the first year of donations made to the fund.

Landowners may elect to have tax-deductible contributions withdrawn from royalty payments or make a regular or one-time donation to the fund.

The 2024 Fall Community Grant Application portal is now accepting applications for a series of grants. If your project or agency impacts Greene County in the ways previously mentioned and is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 non-profit, a school, or a religious/faith-based organization for non-sectarian community project, you can apply. The deadline to apply is October 1.

To contribute to the GIVE Greene County Fund or for questions about the fall grant guidelines, contact the CFGC at 724-627-2010, visit cfgcpa.org, or scan the QR code in the ad!





VILLAGE CAREGIVING

When taking the next step in caring for aging loved ones, there are many questions to ponder in order to make the right choice: What level of medical care is required? What services does my loved one need? How much will this cost? Most of all, who should we trust?

A nationwide company founded in Barboursville, West Virginia in 2012, Village Caregiving is a non-medical, in-home care service dedicated to serving clients at any level of care they require. The company now serves 9 counties in the greater Morgantown area and Southwestern Pennsylvania, with 120 caregivers in Morgantown alone. Toni McNett, executive director of Village Caregiving's Morgantown branch and registered nurse, explains that in-home care should not be used as a last-ditch effort if possible, but as a preventative service to aid the elderly in improving and maintaining their quality of life. "Don't come in desperation, but in preparation," she recommends.

At Village Caregiving, attentive caregivers provide light housekeeping, light meal preparation, personal hygiene and grooming attention, and assistance with daily activities. But the most important aspect of personal

care, according to Toni, is companionship. "Caregivers might be the only face clients receive [in a day], which is great for mental health." All Village Caregivers receive a half-day job training by a full time registered nurse based on their level of prior medical experience. "We try to match caregivers' experience levels with clients' needs," Toni says. This allows clients needing only light daily assistance to be matched with a caregiver starting out in their career, while allowing a client requiring a higher level of medical attention to be paired with a caregiver who has more advanced medical experience. "We encourage communication between clients and caregivers," Toni says. "We do a snapshot of that client's needs at the time and create a 'Plan of Care,'" to uniquely match clients to the right caregiver for them.

Village Caregiving also takes pride in the flexible work schedules available to caregivers. Toni says, "We offer a wide variety of schedules and can work around nearly anyone's needs." Hourly pay is \$13-15 an hour based on experience, in addition to a sign-on bonus. Employees are also eligible for other bonuses based on good performance on the job.

The service is also equally flexible for



those receiving care. There is no minimum time that a client needs to fulfill. Clients can schedule anywhere from only an hour or two of care a week all the way to 24/7 care. Either way, Village Caregiving suits these needs. For questions regarding different payor sources for non-medical services, reach out to Toni and her team. They would be happy to open

the conversation on how to receive assistance.

Village Caregiving is "a resource to families if they start to see that a loved one is struggling," Toni says. Contact toni@villagecaregiving.com for more information to see if these services fit your needs.

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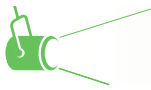
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MCCRACKEN PHARMACY

Originally established in 1961 by Jack McCracken, this local drug store has progressed in all the right ways over the years, changing where change was needed while keeping personal service a tradition; very much in keeping with the slogan, “Yesterday’s Service, Today’s Technology.”

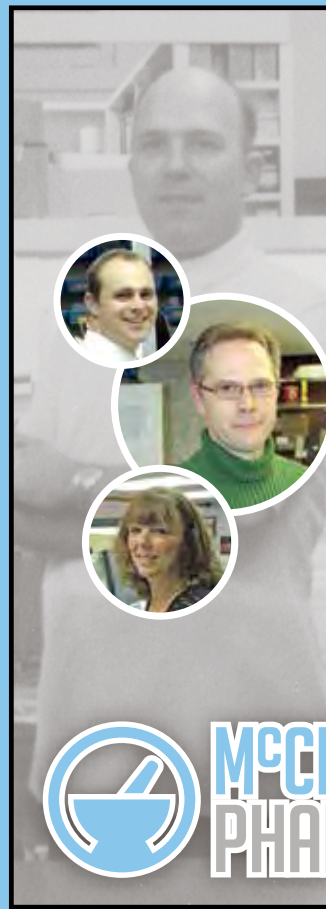
Long-time pharmacist, Scott Adamson, who began his relationship with McCracken when he served an internship in 1992, purchased the pharmacy in 2013, when Jeff McCracken retired. With the same philosophy of balanced progression and tradition, Scott has continued the work of keeping McCracken Pharmacy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

Located at the gateway to downtown Waynesburg, a remodeling project enhanced both the McCracken building and the neighborhood around it. With carefully chosen colors and style that represent McCracken’s unique brand of “Yesterday’s Service, Today’s Technology” the look certainly says it all. Scott is quick to point out, however, that the longevity and most valuable asset to McCracken Pharmacy is what you find inside the building – the people. “We’ve been fortunate to be able to maintain a relatively large staff, and to keep a high caliber of people who are consistent and compassionate with our

customers, I’m proud to work with the people here,” Scott emphasizes. There are four pharmacists on staff, along with 8 additional techs and support personnel serving McCracken’s customers. That’s how they continue to provide “Yesterday’s Service” you can’t find anywhere else.

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

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patients of all ability levels and helping them achieve their goals.” Dr. Rumbaugh attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa where he received his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree.

Dr. T. Curtis Jones grew up in Rogersville, PA attending West Greene High School. After high school, he attended Slippery Rock University obtaining his bachelor’s in biology. Dr. Jones attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa where he received his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree. Dr. Jones has been practicing in the Greene County area since 2019. “I am excited to practice in Greene County and I feel very fortunate to be able to serve the community that I grew up in”.

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Founded over 40 years ago, Best Line Equipment started with a vision to provide superior equipment solutions that empower businesses. Beginning with a dedicated team and a few brands, the company quickly expanded its offerings. Today, Best Line Equipment is known for reliability, exceptional customer service, and a vast inventory of high-performance equipment.

Mission and Commitment

Best Line Equipment's mission is to deliver exceptional equipment solutions and unmatched customer service, ensuring clients have the tools they need to succeed. This mission drives every aspect of the business and is the cornerstone of their reputation for reliability and excellence.

Expanding Horizons

Focused on enhancing its digital presence and expanding service offerings, Best Line Equipment actively engages in community events and partnerships. With over 150 dedicated professionals across locations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland, the company continues to grow and adapt to meet the evolving needs of its customers.

Exceptional Team

Key team members include Adam Houseknecht, President, whose leadership has guided the company through a decade of growth, and Armand Cencetti, Vice President of Sales, whose strategic vision continues to drive success. Their expertise, along with the dedication of the entire team, ensures Best Line Equipment remains at the industry forefront.

Innovative Services

Best Line Equipment has recently expanded services to

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Future Vision

In the next year, Best Line Equipment aims to enhance digital services and expand market reach. Over the next five years, the company plans to broaden its footprint in the Mid-Atlantic region and introduce new product lines and services. In ten years, Best Line Equipment aspires to be the go-to choice for equipment solutions across the East Coast, renowned for innovation, quality, and exceptional customer care.

Community Involvement

Best Line Equipment supports various local charities, sponsors community events, and partners with organizations like the PA Wounded Warrior Foundation. Their annual Sporting Clays benefit for the Endurance Organization is a highlight, raising funds and awareness for local causes.

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In Mt. Morris, a quarter of a mile off the I-79 Mount Morris exit, sits Mountain State Waste's Greene County location. From humble beginnings to a multi-state waste management company, Mountain State Waste has come a long way! Founded by West Virginia natives Randie Lawson and J.P. Phillips, this company's growth has been fueled by the trust and recommendations of satisfied customers. Covering West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania, Mountain State Waste is ready to tackle any waste management challenge, whether it's a massive construction project or a simple residential pickup. Choosing MSW means you get the best of both worlds in the waste industry - the expertise of a large company with the personalized service of a local business!

Mountain State Waste has been a trusted waste collection service for countless customers across the East Coast. Their expertise spans across diverse sectors, whether it's a local mini-mart or a Super Walmart, MSW can handle waste management with precision. What sets MSW apart? Expertise and Experience. MSW has a deep understanding of the Appalachian area in the waste in-

dustry and our unwavering commitment to their customers.

"Randie and I established Mountain State Waste with the goal of creating an environmental services company that was specifically designed for West Virginia and the surrounding Appalachian region," says Mountain State Waste's President and co-owner JP Phillips. "We are proud to be from this area and we understand that this region provides unique challenges in the waste management business that many of our competitors don't understand, especially our large corporate competitors with their out-of-the-box approach to trash collection.

Along with waste management services, Mountain State Waste also offers waste and recycling audits for local businesses. During these audits, they sort through the waste and see what is being recycled and what is being landfilled and how you can get more out of your recycling solutions.

MSW additionally services our community with the Greene County, PA Waste Transfer Station. This is perfect for bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances, household waste, and construction debris. Additionally, the company has pro-

HICKORY APPLE FESTIVAL

Since 1983, people in the community have been coming to the Volunteer Fire Department for a celebration all about apples. What started as a small festival has turned into a yearly event, The Hickory Apple Festival, hosted every year on the first weekend of October. The event brings in area natives old and new to celebrate the rich tradition of the event.

"It is always a great time for friends and family," said Nikki Killen, the Marketing Volunteer for the Hickory Apple Festival. "It's always fun to see people having fun with their families. The event brings together the Mount Pleasant community, even those who have moved away come back for this event. The whole community comes and it's nice to see them sit and talk about stories from past festivals."

The Hickory Apple Festival serves as the largest fundraiser for the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, which services 88 miles of road for over 3,500 customers and small businesses. The event is held the first weekend of October every year and features a pancake breakfast, live performances, an artesian market, and of course lots and lots of apples. Local orchards come to showcase their wide array of apples for purchase as they celebrate their harvest. It is a family friendly atmosphere with plenty of activities for attendees of all ages.

"Over the years the festival has grown into the biggest fall festival in the area," said Killen. "People come in with generations of family who have attended the event. It is a really fun weekend because we have activities for people of all ages. From bounce houses to obstacle courses, to fresh cornmeal and live entertainment we have something for everyone."

The 2024 lineup of events features fair staples, including the Pancake Breakfast, beginning at 7 AM, the apple pie eating contest, and the apple cider chugging contest. The festival will also feature seven different live music performances throughout the weekend. It kicks off on Saturday with the Fort Cherry Band at 10 AM, followed by the Strabane International Button Box Band. Other acts throughout the weekend include the Part Time Cowboys, Hug & the Embraces, and Cloggers. Sunday morning will also feature a special church service hosted by the Hickory



vided free recycling to Greene County and a few of their areas of service. The Mt. Morris location has recycling bins for metals, plastics, papers, and cardboard.

Community service is a large part of Mountain State Waste's mission. When it comes to community events, Touch-A-Truck events are a top hit and where the magic happens! MSW is thrilled to be part of these beloved events, giving kids the chance to climb aboard the cab of the truck, honk the horn, and discover the wonders of big trash trucks. Seeing those little faces light up is what it's all about for the MSW team!

When asked why someone should

choose Mountain State Waste over other waste management companies, Phillips responded with one word: accessibility. "One thing that we hear from our existing customers a lot is that we are accessible. When you need to get a hold of us you can reach someone at the office, and you are going to get a solution to your issues and a response to request in less than 24 hours. You can call our offices, and they'll ring right here in Mr. Morris," Phillips says. "You're not going to be sourced out to some call center in the middle of nowhere halfway across the country."

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United EPC Church. Both days of the festival will also feature face painters, a petting zoo, bounce houses, and balloons for fun for the whole family.

Festival goers in 2024 are also in for another surprise as the Hickory Apple Festival has announced that their Apple Dumplings are back. After being on hiatus since the COVID-19 pandemic, the fair is happy to bring back a crowd favorite for 2024.

“We are also very excited to announce that apple Dumplings are back,” said Killen. “They are very hard to find and we are very excited to bring them back this year. There are going to be a lot of very happy people at this year’s festival.”

None of this would be possible without the help of the people from the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department. Their members put in countless hours of service to make sure the event runs without a hitch. With their help, 2023 was a record year for the festival, making it the highest grossing event of the year for the fire department. A lot of the funds from the festival will be going to getting a new fire engine for the department, so they can continue to service the community.

“It is wonderful having the help of the dedicated workers from the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department,” said Killen. “The moment we ask for something they have someone there ready to help with whatever we need. They help with everything and last year, they were essential in helping us make and jar our famous apple butter. It creates a great sense of community got all involved.”

The 2024 Hickory Apple Festival will run Saturday October 5th and Sunday October 6th at the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department. For more information, visit their website at hickoryapplefestival.com.

“It is a wonderful weekend with lots of apples and fun,” said Killen. “We have activities for all ages while helping raise funds and bringing the community together.”



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Taking on the attitude of “looking on the brighter ‘cider’ life” started with Sam Minor, Sr who grew up on a Greene County dairy farm. He and his wife Bev (a hardworking dairy farm girl in her own right!) and their five children started The SpringHouse Coun-

try Store in 1975 milking cows, bottling their own milk, and selling it in their old-fashioned country store. Over the last 49 years, the store has grown to include Catering, a Cafeteria-Style Restaurant, and oodles of Special Events like Supper in the Woods, Mommy & Munchkins, Breakfast with Santa, and more!! And 21 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren make it a whole “latte” family!!

This year, the Minor family can’t wait to welcome you “Fall-Fun-on-the-Farm-Festival” to create memory-making experiences for families far and near. They think your kids will be “smiling from ear to ear” as they enjoy all the fun the Minors have planned! Plus families can enjoy new and traditional faire from our NEW Food Shanty! (Sssh...’mum’s’ the word about what exactly they’re featuring!) The Minors want you to be “apple-solutely” amazed by the offerings!

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Frontier Clinical Research Announces New Medical Facility in Smithfield, PA

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Frontier Clinical Research bridges the gap between pharmaceutical companies and patients, and facilitates the recruitment of participants into clinical trials, enabling the approval of new, cutting-edge medications that may benefit patients today and future generations.

Frontier Clinical Research includes six research sites spanning across Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Since its inception, Frontier has enrolled thousands of patients in over 300 clinical trials, providing a wide array of services to the community such as medical exams, diagnostic testing, labs, and medication free of charge to qualifying participants.

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FAYETTE COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Since 1965, the Fayette Career and Technical Institute has been opening doors for the Fayette County community and surrounding area. They pride themselves on responding to the needs of businesses throughout the community, and showing their students career paths in the technical field that they might not have known about.

“Our mission is to be responsive to what the employers in the area need,” said Dr. Cindy Shaw, Executive Director of Fayette CTI. “This means we are serving the community workforce needs in our area. There is a need for workers in the service industry and medical field in our local businesses and this is a way for us to show our students a market that they may have otherwise missed.”

Fayette CTI is no stranger to the market, opening its doors as the first Career and Technical School in the State of Pennsylvania in 1965. Today they have expanded to offer classes to high school students as well as adults looking to get into these technical fields. Whether it be the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program or their barber program, one of only three technical schools in the state of Pennsylvania, their goal is the same. They try to prepare all students for career and post secondary success by empowering them with high levels of technical skill, academic proficiency, and professionalism.

“Not every student goes to college,” said Maria Lovat, Director of Adult Education at Fayette CTI. “You can come to tech school and go to college or you can go right into the workforce. We are proud of all of our students whether they go to college or right into the workforce. Seeing our students out in the community working makes me proud.”

However, Fayette CTI isn't just for high

school students deciding what path in life they want to take. There are several Adult Education classes available in several different fields, including the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program, HVAC program, and Cosmetology classes. With flexible class times, Fayette CTI is prepared to work with anyone's schedule to ensure they have the greatest opportunity to succeed.

“We offer 15 different programs for adults running both during the day and in the evening,” said Lovat. “We have a responsibility to the community and we are proud of that so we try to keep everything at the lowest cost so that everyone can reach their educational goals.”

Today, they are creating even more opportunities for both high school students and adult students. They are getting a new Health Science Center, which broke ground back in August 8th. The project is set to be completed by March 2025, allowing expanded opportunities for both educators and their students.

“The purpose is to offer more Health Care programs to adults and we want the space to train more Healthcare workers,” said Shaw. “We have two LPN programs a year, and the current cohort runs from September to September. The goal is to have the students in the next cohort, starting in March, be able to begin in the new building. Once the LPN program moves to the new building, we will turn the current LPN program building into an education wing, helping us offer more programs with more space.”

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

Rocky Ridge Farm will provide their beautiful horses and mules for wagon rides. There will be lots of fine homemade food; made by local church groups, fire departments and non-profits - something for everyone.

The festival starts at 10am on Saturday, September 21 with a flag raising ceremony by the 140th PVI Civil War re-enactors and Bernice Jeffrey singing our National Anthem. Gospel singers will perform throughout the day and at 3pm there will be a Civil War re-enactment. The festival closes at 5pm.

On Sunday, September 22, a 10am Worship Service led by the Reverend Gary Whipple of John Corbly Memorial Baptist Church in Garards Fort starts the day. Music, vendors, food and a 3pm Civil War re-enactment fill the day's schedule. The festival will end at 5pm with Civil War Re-enactors retiring the colors.

Join us for the festival at the White Covered Bridge located near Garards Fort in Greene County, Pennsylvania. For more information follow us on Facebook at White Covered Bridge Association. We look forward to seeing you!



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One sad case was a 93-year-old woman with a donkey and a mare. She had a light stroke and family didn't want to care for them. They told her they would take them to the auction. Both animals were healthy and good shape; she liked feeding them treats and seeing them didn't want them to end up at auction. A friend of hers reached out, and the animal were brought to Save A Horse. With the animals there, the woman was still able to visit them periodically.

The 380-acre farm is home for the horses

and donkeys, as well as cattle, cats, and Darlene and Kevin Moore, the farm's owners. Darlene has always had a passion for animals and received her first horse at age of seven from her dad (Harold Stockdale) and that gift sparked a lifelong passion for horses which he always had. When slaughter of horses became a big thing in 1982 she opened Save A Horse Stable and bought horses from auction to help some of them find a better destination.

Save A Horse is a sustainable non-profit and, in addition to grants and fundraising, donations are greatly appreciated and a big part of our being able to assist in the cost of running the rescue.

Their annual open house allows guests to visit the farm and pet the horses, and hear their "tails". The open house will have plenty of food, wagon rides to see the horses in their pastures where they roam free, lots of fresh air and country scenery. The annual event helps raise funds to run and manage the farm. If you are interested in helping, you can support Save A Horse with donations by visiting their website on saveahorsestable.com, visit their Facebook, or go to the farm in person.



SPECIALTY HERBAL

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

Providing quality products is the promise that Specialty Herbal makes to all their customers. "The Health Food Store/ Alternative Health industry was created and driven with the motive to provide wholesome natural foods and supplements that are as close to nature as possible. The big food stores and big box chains were taking every short cut to provide cheaper foods and supplements (and still are), resulting in inferior, and even harmful foods and supplements. We are the healthy alternative to the misbranded, nutrient compromised products of that industry. For example, the health promoting effects of herbs are determined by the seed stock used, the soil they are grown in, when they were harvested, what solvents were used in extraction, and how they are dried and stored. It's not something that can be rushed and mass marketed," Brian says. "Our motivation is to get people who have tried inferior products that didn't work to try our products."

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

curcumin in the world, and has been used in over 70 groundbreaking clinical studies. "Terry Naturally" was voted the #1 supplement company by Whole Foods Magazine in 2022. Terry Naturally's Curamin, was vote the #1 pain relief supplement. Their newest supplement line is "Nutritional Frontiers", a Pittsburgh company that is on the forefront of the natural products industry. Their formulations contain some of the top patented natural ingredients in the industry: Traacs chelated mineral, Quatrefolic, Curcuwin, vitaMK7, Lutemax, BioPerine, BioCell Collagen, etc.

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



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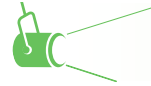
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UPMC GREENE

Washington Health System Joins the UPMC Family

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When WHS and its Board of Directors were faced with the reality of risking a not-so-distant closure, they sought out affiliation proposals from several regional health care providers. The Board thoroughly reviewed the proposals and unanimously selected a partner based on the organization's ability to secure the future of local health care as well as where they would seek treatment for themselves or their loved ones.

In June of 2023, WHS and UPMC announced an affiliation agreement between the two entities that would integrate WHS into the UPMC system. One year later, on June 1, 2024, WHS officially joined the UPMC family as UPMC Washington and UPMC Greene.

This affiliation ensures the preservation of local access to high-quality, sustain-

able health care for years to come. It also secures the jobs of over 2,000 skilled health care workers and maintains the organization's status as one of the largest employers across Washington and Greene counties.

Over the next 10 years, UPMC is committed to not only maintaining Greene County's core services — they intend to grow UPMC Washington as a health care destination. With a pledge to invest \$300 million to upgrade facilities and grow services, this substantial investment will improve and expand close-to-home access to clinical excellence, building upon the already-established local joint ventures and clinical affiliations in oncology, pediatric specialties, women's health, and heart and vascular care.

UPMC has also committed to improving the health of the community, far beyond the walls of their hospitals and centers. They have pledged to contribute impactful investments, ongoing charitable care, and community benefits to improve the health and well-being of the people and places they serve. UPMC will enable the Washington Hospital Foundation to provide \$40 million in support of initiatives that will benefit the community and will partner with community leaders to enhance the economic vitality of Washington



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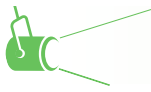
providers and insurers," said Brook Ward, UPMC Washington President. "This is an exciting time for our team, our patients, and our community."

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As Washington Health System Greene becomes UPMC Greene, we'll continue our proud history of caring for the community and putting patients first while delivering even greater access to advanced health care for generations to come.

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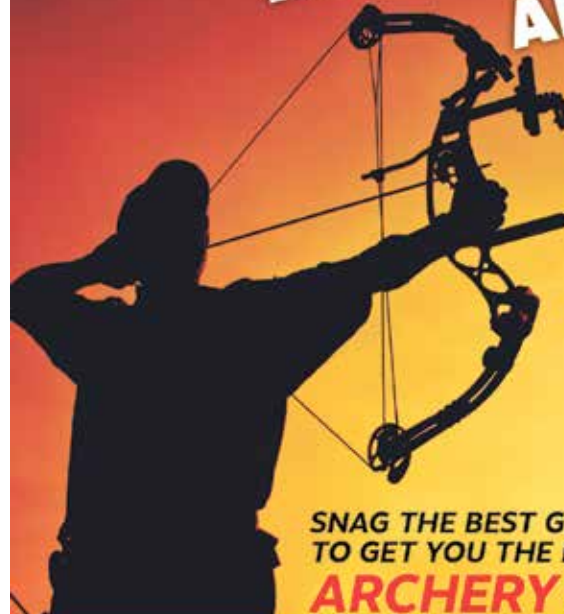
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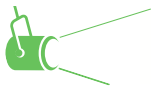
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HEALTH INSURANCE SOLUTIONS

What thoughts come to mind when you think about retirement? They should be things like peace, time, relaxation, family, and travel. However, far too many people find themselves in a place of stress and confusion when figuring out their health insurance for their retirement years. The Medicare system is complex: enrollment periods, penalties, Supplement versus Advantage plans, deductibles, formularies, the “donut hole”, etc. On top of understanding this information, individuals have to sift through a myriad of different health plans to find one that’s a good fit for them. That’s where the Byhams come in.

Brendan and Rhetta Byham are independent Medicare health insurance brokers who live and work right here in Greene County. For many people, “broker” may be a foreign word. A broker is simply someone who works with different health insurance companies to offer clients a selection of health plans. As independent brokers, the Byhams work with several major health insurance carriers in the area but have no obligations to sell one carrier’s health plans above another’s. “We feel very strongly about remaining independent because this allows us to focus on our clients’ needs, rather than meeting sales quotas for

a given company,” Brendan noted. In addition, this service comes at no cost to clients. “There is no cost for our assistance; coming to us for help finding your Medicare health plan costs the exact same amount as going directly to each carrier, only coming to us saves you the time it takes to research and compare the many plans available to you.”

As a former pastor and teacher, Brendan and Rhetta love the interpersonal and relational part of what they do as Medicare brokers. Rhetta explained, “The core of what we do is educating people with the facts they need about the Medicare system overall and various plan benefits available, so that they can make informed decisions about the health plans that best fit their preferences and circumstances.” The primary way that the Byhams assist people is through in-person meetings. “In most cases, we sit down with people in their homes or wherever they are most comfortable, listen to their needs, explain their options, give our recommendations, answer their questions, and help them enroll in the health plan of their choosing.” However, the Byham’s journey with their clients doesn’t end there. “Once someone is our client, we walk alongside that person year after year. We periodically touch base with them to make

sure their plan is still a good fit, update them on new plans available, field their questions, and help resolve any issues that arise. It is our goal to build enduring relationships with our clients.”

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CORNERSTONE CARE

Cornerstone Care: Expanding Access to Quality Healthcare in the Waynesburg Community

Waynesburg, PA-Cornerstone Care Community Health Center continues to stand as a beacon of hope and health for families in the region since 1978 by providing access to quality, affordable healthcare in Southwestern, Pennsylvania. Each year, the organization serves over 22,000 patients across 14 locations, and 4 counties with primary medical care, pediatrics, behavioral health, dental, pediatric dentistry, vision, podiatry, chiropractic, and pharmacy services.

In the heart of Waynesburg at 236 Elm Drive, Cornerstone Care Community Health Centers has served as a community hub where healthcare professionals, parents, and children have come together to build a healthier future. For years, this center has provided top-tier pediatric care, ensuring every child in Waynesburg and neighboring communities, receives the medical attention needed to thrive. Children are our future and Cornerstone Care has been committed to helping them stay healthy with access to the care they need.

In 2023, Cornerstone Care wanted to address the growing healthcare needs of families and children by offering an array of services in Waynesburg, the once Cornerstone Care Community Pediatric Health Center of Waynesburg is now rebranded as Cornerstone Care Community Pediatric and Family Practice Center of Waynesburg, offering services to our smallest of patients, and patients through their golden years.

2023 also included the addition of pediatrician Dr. Max Chen, to the care team, so families can continue to receive the legacy of comprehensive pediatric care for their children from birth through their teens. Cornerstone Care offers a wide range of pediatric ser-

vices, from routine check-ups, sick visits, sports physicals, and immunizations to management of chronic conditions and developmental screenings. This holistic approach ensures that the physical, emotional, and developmental needs of every

child are met.

The Waynesburg location now offers family practice services for individuals 18 years of age and older, with Dr. John Allison, who has been a provider of Cornerstone Care since 2019. Family practice services offer routine wellness exams, preventative care, immunizations, chronic care management, Medicare wellness visits, and in-house laboratory services. Sarah DeCarlo, Director of Clinical Operations shares, "Once teenagers "age out" of pediatrics, we learned there becomes a gap in care often resulting in conditions occurring as they age that could have been prevented". DeCarlo continues, "With the expansion of family practice services, we can provide care for individuals 18 years of age and older in the same office, with the same team some of our patients have grown up with."

Our provider team also includes certified registered nurse practitioner, Emily Zawatski, to offer expanded care to all patients who visit this location. Cornerstone Care Pediatric and Family Practice Center of Waynesburg also provides a care manager who works closely with providers to assist with screening for mental health needs including substance use and offers referrals to treatment as needed. The care managers also address social factors to care by coordinating transportation to appointments, accessing food, childcare, and utility assistance, among other supportive care services to lift barriers that can impact an individual's health.

With a team of experienced providers, and support staff, Cornerstone Care Community Pediatric and Family Practice Center of Waynesburg is equipped to handle a wide range of healthcare needs. DeCarlo shares, "This care team is not only highly skilled but also deeply compassionate. They understand the unique needs of children and adults and strive to create a welcoming and comforting environment for patients and their families. Whether it's a child's

first visit or a Medicare Wellness visit, the team at Waynesburg ensures that every experience is as stress-free and positive as possible."

Outside of family medicine and pediatrics, the Cornerstone Care network offers the Waynesburg community access to integrated dental, vision, and behavioral health services throughout Waynesburg. "Cornerstone Care's goal is to ensure everyone has access to the healthcare services they need," said Lesa Trunzo, Cornerstone Care's Marketing and Communications Director, "With these expanded services in Waynesburg, we are not only increasing our capacity but also enhancing the quality of care through integrated and comprehensive services in our communities."

Cornerstone Care is more than just another healthcare provider—it's a trusted partner in the health and well-being of the communities it serves. Since Cornerstone Care understands the challenges, many individuals face in accessing quality healthcare, all services are offered to those insured and underinsured. Trunzo states, "We accept a variety of insurance plans including Medicare, and Medicaid, and offer all services on a sliding fee scale. This ensures everyone has access to quality healthcare regardless of their ability to pay".

With Cornerstone Care's unwavering commitment to comprehensive care, accessibility, and community engagement, it continues to be a cornerstone of health, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to be healthy and to thrive. For more information on Cornerstone Care's locations and complete service line, go to www.cornerstonecare.com.

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The George R. Smalley Company offered to pay for 10 underclassmen to take the certification exam at the CTC. Out of the total 21 students that took the various AWS certifications, there was an overall 95% pass rate. Some students were able to pass and obtain three separate AWS certifications.

Not only were some of these students practicing to pass these certifications while in high school, but they were also working on cooperative education placements, obtaining their OSHA-30 certification, working to earn their Class A CDL license, and preparing to pass their NOCTI exam.

We are very thankful for the support of our local business that allowed us the ability to offer extra certification opportunities to our high school students. The Greene County Career and Technology Center students are now even more prepared to enter the workforce with these high-value cer-



tifications. We look forward to continuing to partner with various local business on future endeavors to best prepare our upcoming workforce.

At Greene County CTC, we are always open to working with new business partners and exploring new opportunities to offer to our students. These partnerships are essential

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GREENE COUNTY UNITED WAY

The Greene County United Way (GCUW) is committed to enhancing the well-being of residents in Greene County through impactful community initiatives. As a part of the national United Way network, this local chapter focuses on addressing critical issues and improving quality of life by mobilizing resources, fostering partnerships, and advocating for those in need.

With a mission to build a thriving community, GCUW concentrates on three primary areas: education, financial stability, and health. These focus areas are essential for creating a strong foundation for individuals and families, and the organization's efforts are aimed at achieving meaningful, sustainable change.

Education is a cornerstone of GCUW's mission. The organization supports a range of programs designed to improve educational outcomes for children and youth, including funding for early childhood education, after-school programs, and back-to-school assistance. By investing in education, GCUW ensures that young people have the resources and support needed to succeed academically and reach their full potential. With programs like Stuff the Bus+ and Inspire Greene, the focus not only benefits students but also has a broader impact on our community by preparing future leaders and contributing to long-term county growth.

Financial stability is another critical focus area. GCUW supports programs that enhance economic self-sufficiency and reduce financial insecurity. This includes initiatives providing job training, financial literacy education, and emergency assistance. By empowering individuals and families with the tools and resources, GCUW aims to break the cycle of poverty and promote resilience. Services like Salvation Army's Emergency Assistance and Dress for Success's Mobile Boutique assist with budgeting, employment, and financial planning are integral to helping residents build a more secure and prosperous future.

Health is also a fundamental priority for GCUW, which concentrates on funding programs that address both physical and mental health needs within the community. This includes support for local health clinics like Cornerstone Care's Smile for Life, Greene Arc's Photography Club, and Blueprints' Home Deliv-

ered Meal programs. By focusing on health, GCUW aims to improve overall well-being and ensure that residents have access to necessary services. Addressing health disparities and promoting healthy lifestyles is essential for building a stronger, more dynamic community.

GCUW's approach is deeply collaborative. They partner with local nonprofits through the Greene County Nonprofit Partnership to maximize their impact. This ensures that resources are used effectively and that the most pressing needs are addressed. By working together, GCUW fosters a sense of shared responsibility and collective action, which is vital for tackling complex social issues.

GCUW plays a fundamental role in strengthening our community by focusing on education, financial stability, and health. Through strategic investments, collaborative partnerships, and dedicated volunteer efforts, GCUW addresses key challenges and works toward creating a more vibrant and resilient Greene County. The commitment to improving lives and fostering positive change underscores their importance as a cornerstone of community support.

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AYDEN GERLACH

Current Student from Slippery Rock

What led you to enroll at PA Cyber?

I compete in cheerleading and travel a lot for competitions. After trying two other cyber charter schools, PA Cyber worked best for me. I can work ahead on assignments. I can focus on attending cheer practice and competitions without missing school or being behind on homework.

What's your favorite subject in school?

History. I like learning about the past and different events that have shaped the world today.

What are your interests outside of school?

My competitive cheer team, Top Gun, won the USASF Worlds competition again this year. My team won our division, Senior Large Coed, plus we had the highest score out of 563 teams from 21 countries. This is my second world champion win. I will be back on the team again this year for my third year. I'll spend most of the summer in Miami with a host family and then travel back and forth to Miami during the school year for practices and competitions.

What are your goals for after graduation?

I want to become an Athletic Trainer and also coach tumbling at Top Gun Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township. I currently work there doing private lessons and classes when I am home from Miami.



Ayden's team won an international cheerleading competition, making it his second world champion win.

KARISSA HAWK

Alumna in Melbourne, Florida

What have you been doing since graduating from PA Cyber in 2023?

I am in college to earn a bachelor's in aerospace engi-

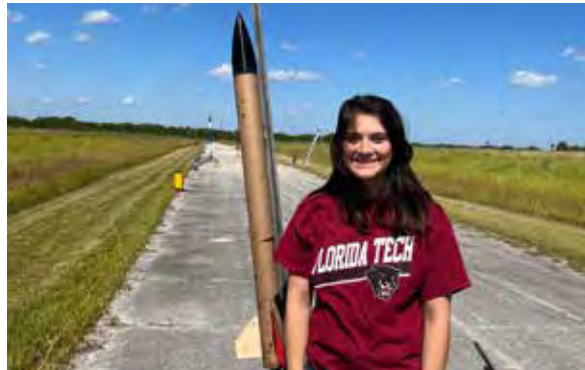
neering. I have helped design and build rockets and received my L1 certification in launching rockets. I am a part of the AIAA club [American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics] at Florida Tech. This year I attended the conference at the Kennedy Space Center and presented research on AI. I am so excited to see what the next school year brings.

How did PA Cyber prepare you for this path?

PA Cyber has many great teachers and staff who have helped me believe my goals were possible. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for them. I was in many clubs at PA Cyber, which made me realize what I was interested in.

What advice would you give to current cyber students?

Get involved in as many things as possible and find out what you're interested in. It's very easy to get in a slump while doing cyber school, but PA Cyber does a good job of having fun clubs and many events. Staff will help you, and they want you to succeed.



Karissa builds and launches rockets with Florida Tech's AIAA club.

MATTHEW ABEL

Teacher in Pittsburgh

What led you to PA Cyber?

I started teaching calculus face-to-face about 30 years ago, and about 10 years later I worked for a major online education software company. Then amazingly, PA Cyber chose me to be a teacher. I've been teaching here for about 7 years, and it's been wonderful. The students have made me the best teacher I can be. In fact, I was nominated for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year because of them.

Why is school choice important?

School choice is very important to meeting the ever-changing complexities of life. Everybody, including me, has a life that keeps changing, and being able to choose the best educational fit for their lives is important for every student and every family. PA Cyber offers the flexibility and valuable educational opportunity that many students need.

What is your favorite part about being an educator?

Connecting with students and being able to directly meet their educational needs individually. My students tell me, years after I've had them in class, that they appreciate what I've done for them. And I greatly appreciate what they've done for me. It's fantastic to hear that I've helped them believe in

themselves with a growth mindset and achieve their potential.



Mr. Abel's students nominated him for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year.

JANE CAMP

Activity Leader in Midland

Describe your role as Supervisor of Student Events.

Since 2004, I have helped students and their families connect within the PA Cyber community. I oversee the Family Link program, which creates learning experiences outside the classroom through field trips and in-person meet-ups. I also help manage our club program, which allows students to meet peers who share similar interests. When students connect, they build a sense of community, pride in their school, and grow as individuals.

What benefits do you see in allowing students to choose their school experience?

Increased engagement and motivation, personalized learning, a stronger sense of belonging and community, and preparation for real-world challenges are a few of the benefits that I observe daily.

What is your favorite part about being an activity leader?

I strive to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere and encourage participants to interact with each other. Seeing friendships form and students reunite with their friends on field trips is such a rewarding aspect of my job. I also get to witness their learning and growth.



Mrs. Camp oversees field trips and student clubs. Discover if PA Cyber is a perfect fit for your child by joining a live information session at pacyber.org/session.

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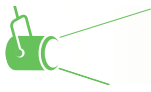
The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School (PA Cyber) offers students in grades K-12 an alternative to traditional education. Families look beyond their local school district for a range of reasons, and sometimes it's necessary to try a new school experience. After 24 years of perfecting online education and with a legacy of 21,000 graduates, PA Cyber has demonstrated that learning online is an effective long-term solution for many students.

Enrollment is open for the 2024–2025 school year. Explore PA Cyber as an option for your child's education at pacyber.org or call **724-643-1180**.



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MORRIS MACHINERY

For the past 26 years, Morris Machinery has been a family-owned and operated business, located in Prosperity, Pennsylvania. What started in 1998 as owner, Rick Morris, selling pre-owned tractors and implements with the help of his father, H.L., has turned into a proud tradition of serving satisfied customers.

“For over 26 years Morris Machinery has serviced the tri-state area,” Morris says. “We are proud to have served several satisfied customers over the years.”

Since the beginning, Morris Machinery has grown from selling pre-owned tractors to being a fully functioning shop ready to satisfy their customers. They now carry three tractor lines: Gravelly, TYM, and Zetor – boasting an impressive range of options from small utility tractors to heavy duty farm tractors and agricultural machines. These three tractor lines boast durability, strength, comfort, and quality, making you productive at your work.

Along with their tractors, Morris Machinery also offers several lines of new equipment from brands such as Sitrex, IronCraft, Del Morino, HLA Attachments, Shaver, and Sunfire. Having this vast array of equipment, Morris Machinery has almost everything you could need to accessorize your tractor and work your farm: mowers, rakes, tillers, blades, graders, pallet forks, prong bale spears, post drivers, heaters, and more.

Morris Machinery takes equipment on trade year-round. Once received, they thoroughly inspect and service each of these tractors, so you get the best tractor for your money, new or used. If you're looking to purchase a new tractor and are interested in a trade, reach out to them for more information.

Their service department offers tractor parts and repairs on many makes or models. Parts Specialist, Marcus King, can help with all your parts needs. Their mechanic, Jordan Kiger, has been a part of the team since 2017 and is a certified diesel mechanic, Kawasaki engine technician, Kohler engine techni-

cian, and has completed Gravelly's Advanced Dealer Certification training. Mechanic, Ben Morris, has been a part of the business nearly all his life. He is a Mechanical Engineer and a Master Mechanic, He is the parts and service Manager with 15 years experience.

“We take pride in our available equipment lines and not only stand behind the name but also use them on our own farms,” Morris says. “We value our high level of customer service and look forward to helping you with your equipment needs.”

Despite their growth over the last two decades, Morris Machinery remains a family business. Previously, Morris's sister, Rita, was an invaluable business manager and his father was a big part of helping him start the business. 26 years later, family is still vitally important, even through life's changes.

“My dad and I started the business and for eight years my sister was my business manager,” Morris says. “Even though some of the family has died off our employees have become family and carry on that tradition to this day.”

Joining that family three years ago was Morris Machinery's Business Manager, Christy Barto. Barto has played an important role in the businesses' advertising and finances as well as making sure things are running smoothly. No matter how things have changed, it is the family atmosphere of Morris Machinery that keeps customers coming back.

Morris Machinery is committed to providing high-quality, reliable service to their customers throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Visit them today at 823 Dunn Station Road, Prosperity, PA 15329 or call them at 724-852-1060. Their hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm with weekends and after hours available by appointment. You can also visit their website at morrismachinery.com or email them at [morriss00@windstream.net](mailto:morris00@windstream.net).



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VOICES FOR INDEPENDENCE

Founded in December of 1993, Voices for Independence is currently celebrating 30 years of service to the disability community in Western PA. The Erie-based Center for Independent Living (CIL) now also occupies a large office space right in the heart of downtown Washington, PA-- the historic former YWCA building. The building itself not only allows office area for staff to provide resources locally, but also offers many opportunities for individuals with disabilities to take part in a wide variety of group peer support programs, making it a true program and community center. As a CIL, Voices for Independence has offered a wide variety of disability-related services, activities, and resources for 30 years. Now affiliated with TRPIL, a fellow CIL based in Washington, PA, Voices for Independence is bringing additional services to the southwest region of Pennsylvania.

“To say that we have been able to provide supports and empower the disability community for three decades is an amazing feeling. Being able to bring a high level of service with that kind of legacy to the area means a great deal to us,” said Steve Johnson, Director of Marketing for both organizations. Voices for Independence began an affiliation

with TRPIL back in late 2019. “Voices for Independence and TRPIL are both currently serving Southwest PA, but we are regularly hearing from more and more people in need, right here within the community-- our goal is to work hard to assist as many of those individuals as possible, without sacrificing the quality of any of those services.”

While TRPIL still manages services in the region such as assistive technology, skills training, peer counseling, advocacy, transition, and information & referral, Voices for Independence offers support in regard to in-home care, nursing home transition, and home modifications. Johnson explained, “We want to become your number one disability resource. Whether you’re interested in receiving services, looking for a job as a caregiver, or if you simply want to learn more about what we provide to our community, we want you to think of Voices for Independence.” In addition to the aforementioned services, employment services are also available for those looking to either join or re-enter the workforce. Individuals even have the option to access the internet and utilize computers in the building’s UPMC Health Plan Internet Café space.

Johnson went on to note that there is no



cost to take part in nearly any activity or to meet with staff to learn more. “We are now offering activities regularly at our Washington location. Every week, we have activities such as cooking class, which is held in a new, fully-accessible kitchen area. We also have movie days, to promote socialization. There’s even a fully accessible gym inside our new UPMC Health Plan Wellness Center, which is a large upgrade from the previous space at our former location.” Individuals with disabilities can meet with dedicated personal trainers and begin exercising using adaptive equip-

ment.

“These incredible opportunities are all available to the public. Whether you have a disability and are interested in learning more about what we can do for you, or if you’d like to inquire about joining our team, contact us today. We’re also continually looking to build partnerships and always accepting donations to help ensure that we are able to serve the community in the biggest ways possible for yet another 30 years.” To learn more about Voices for Independence or to schedule a visit, visit www.vfcil.org or call (724) 223-5115.



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LANGUAGE BIASES: EDUCATING YOURSELF ON HIV LANGUAGE

HIV or Human Immunodeficiency Virus, is a virus that weakens the immune system by attacking the body's defense mechanism, known as CD4 cells or T cells. These cells are crucial for fighting infection. When HIV diminishes the number of these cells, the immune system becomes less effective, making the body more vulnerable to various infections and diseases. If HIV progresses without treatment, it can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome), a condition where the immune system is severely compromised, making the body susceptible to life-threatening infections and cancers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE IN HIV DISCUSSIONS

When discussing HIV, it's important to pay attention to the language we use. Language biases can influence how people perceive those living with HIV. By choosing our words carefully, we can create a more supportive and understanding environment for individuals affected by HIV.

For example, using person-first language like "a person living with HIV" instead of "an HIV infected person" highlights the individual rather than defining them solely by their condition. This shift in language helps promote dignity, respect, and empathy towards those affected by HIV. It's also important to avoid using judgmental or sensational language to ensure a more accurate and compassionate discussion about HIV. By being mindful of our language, we can contribute to reducing stigma and promoting a more inclusive and supportive society for those living with HIV.

Unfortunately, there is still a lack of education about the truths and myths of HIV. This can lead to misconceptions, stigma, and discrimination. By spreading accurate information, debunking myths, and promoting understanding, we can create a more informed and supportive community for individuals affected by HIV. Education plays a vital role in breaking down barriers and fostering empathy and acceptance.

your language more inclusive and respectful. By adopting these changes, we can contribute to a more supportive and understanding environment for everyone.

Niaid HIV Language Guide. (n.d.). https://www.niaid.nih.gov/sites/default/files/NIAID_HIV_Language_Guide_071520_revised_updated.pdf

MAKE SOME CHANGES TO YOUR HIV VOCABULARY

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HIV Disease	HIV Infection	"Infection" carries the stigma of being contagious, a threat, or unclean
People Living with HIV	HIV-Infected People	HIV advocates highlight the damaging consequences of this word choice. When referring to people, person-first language emphasizes humanity.
HIV	HIV/AIDS	AIDS evokes suffering and death and should only be used when specifically describing AIDS.
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We are asking for your help this kettle year. IF you are interested in volunteering, select a contact person to schedule dates and times to cover. Shifts are usually two people for two hours, between 10am-8pm.

The locations are Waynesburg Walmart, Waynesburg Giant Eagle, Waynesburg Big Lots, Carmichaels Shop N Save, and Jefferson Giant Eagle. The Salvation Army will have tabletop kettles available for businesses, churches, and organizations to set up.

We will campaign from Friday, November 29 to Friday, December 24 on any day during the week. Available days to ring: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from anytime 10am-8pm. (Whatever time and day is convenient for you and your group!)

If your group IS interested in volunteering, please contact Bonnie Davis at

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Your volunteering will help make a difference for many families throughout the year.

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TOUCH A TRUCK

First Baptist Church's Touch A Truck will be bringing happiness to children of all ages again this year on September 28, 2024. This year's event celebrates 13 years of Touch A Truck in Waynesburg!

The event allows children to get up close and personal with many types of vehicles, especially those of first responders. These events allow children and adults to get close to and climb inside vehicles used in construction, by first responders, and more. Attendees can learn how these vehicles work, ask questions, and sometimes they even get to sit in the driver's seat and honk the horn.

Everyone that attends the event gets a free lunch, and, while supplies last, Children ages 12 and under receive a free t-shirt. Cornerstone Care brings their mobile dental unit. Other groups give out goodies and prizes throughout the day. The event also has bounce houses, free ice cream, photo booths, and giveaways throughout the day.

This year, a new, special guest will be at the event. Attendees can meet and say hello to the Pittsburgh Pirate Parrot. And, of course, get their picture with the parrot!

"I am thrilled that we are able to serve the community again with this fun-filled event," organizer Dawn Mankey shares. "The community's support in the past gave children not only a truck to touch, but also a t-shirt, a meal, fun games, sweet treats, and a vision of a possible future career."

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

1,800 children attend. Although the pandemic put a halt to the 2020 event, it couldn't stop it. The event returned in 2021 with Touch A Truck 9 & ½ and has rebuilt any momentum lost during their year off.

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

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

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

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

Come out and enjoy the 2024 Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, September 28 from 11am - 2pm.



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GREENE COUNTY FOSTER CARE

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

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

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

Foster parents are in high demand. There is a universal need for foster parents to care for children of all ages, but especially teenagers.

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

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

Currently, Greene County is actively recruiting lov-

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

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

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

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

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

“So, when a child comes into care, we always try to find kinship first. That can be an actual blood relative or just a family friend, somebody the child, or the family has a relationship

with,” Booker explains. “We've had some people that we've certified for kinship who then decide once their time as a kinship provider is done, to become foster parents. That's great because we always do appreciate them staying on.”

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

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

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

Greene County Foster Care is partnering with Blueprints, a local nonprofit, to develop their mentorship program for willing youth currently in the system. The program is still within the planning phase but will aim to help develop meaningful connections that help children relationally and to build skills for their future. The county has never had something like this, so they are building from the ground up. The agency has been in contact with Heather Thornburg from Blueprints, who runs their Independent Living Program.

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

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

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

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

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



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

PRIMARY CARE EXPLAINED

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

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

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

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

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

- Physical exams
- Vaccinations
- Routine labwork
- Management of chronic diseases, such as diabetes and high blood pressure
- Cancer screenings
- Well-child exams

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

ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED CARE

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

Specialty Services offered at the clinic include:

- Cardiology • Dermatology • Endocrinology
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Available diagnostic services include:

- Cardiac and vascular imaging • EKG
- General ultrasound • Lab testing
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REFERRALS FOR PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY AND SUBSPECIALTY CARE

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

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

LOCAL CARE BY LOCAL PROVIDERS

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

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

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

The clinics at the WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lab services are available 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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At the WVU Medicine Waynesburg Clinic, we offer local and convenient access to highly trained healthcare experts specializing in the services you and your family need most. WVU Medicine has always been a neighbor, and we've been able to expand our services to better serve the local community since opening the doors of our clinic, located off exit 14 of I-79.

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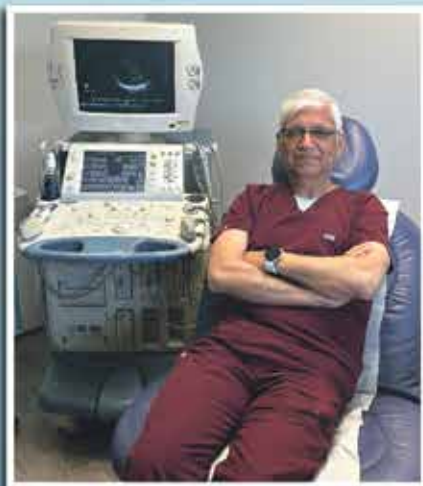


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Visit [WVUMedicine.org/Waynesburg](https://www.wvumedicine.org/Waynesburg) for more information.
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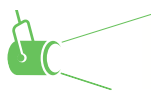
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August is National Wellness Month, a reminder to focus on holistically improving our overall health and wellness through stress management and implementing healthy routines. Taking care of both the mind and the body defines "wellness." It requires attention to physical health nutrition, exercise, weight management, etc. and integrating mental and spiritual well-being. It is about fu-

eling the body, engaging the mind, and nurturing the spirit.

Take some time this month to check in with yourself to assess your lifestyle and its impact on your current we being to prioritize your needs. There are many areas of your lifestyle that can affect overall physical and mental health. Consider taking an audit of your emotional, occupational, social, physical, financial, and environ-

mental situations to start a path toward mindfulness. By making simple and healthy choices every day, you will be on your way towards reducing stress, having positive social interactions and achieving optimal wellness.

Connect with friends and/ or family. Take a few minutes out each day to call or even send a text. If you want to help loved ones prioritize their wellness, you can check in with them by inviting them to participate in a self-care activity with you, like working out, going out for coffee and having a chat, or just having a quiet night in.

Exercise for 20 to 30 minutes each day. Moving more helps endorphins improve your mood and give you more energy. Make small changes during the day like using the stairs, or parking further from your destination. Small changes can add up to a big difference in how you feel.

Relax and practice mindfulness. While it may not be something you

are conditioned to practice every day, it's important to pause, listen to your thoughts, and give yourself an opportunity to think about how you handled situations through the day or perhaps changes you would make going forward. Focus on your breathing and listen, appreciate, observe and be aware. Try to mediate for 10 to 15 minutes each day to relax your mind and review what might be causing added stress.

Seek guidance. If you are having trouble discerning what area of your life could use attention or feel like you might need more help and support on your wellness journey, a licensed therapist can help you identify patterns in your life that aren't helping you and lead you to ones that will.

Professional therapy can also help you unearth what might be hindering your wellness while giving you the tools to manage your life and wellness on your own.

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