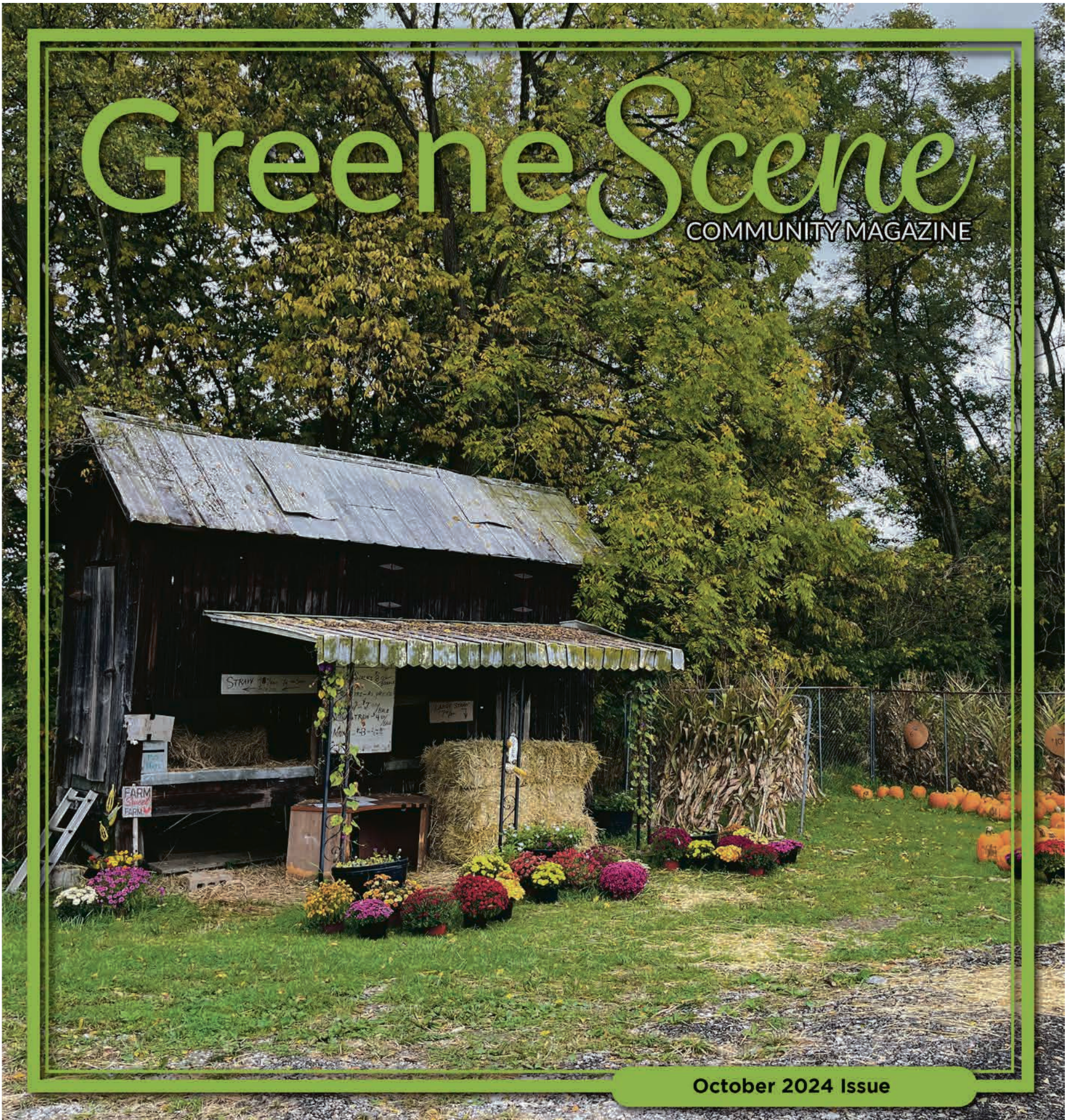


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# I Love this Community — ENCHANTED MOON ACRES

By Colleen Nelson

Looking for some enchantment? You've come to the right place. Enchanted Moon Acres, High Street's latest place to find cool stuff, is tucked one storefront away from Fruition, where bowls and brews of nutritious eats are served up daily. The green bench beside the door invites you to sit down, relax, and let your eyes wander before you step inside. What you see in the architecture of these old storefronts and facades is the legacy of Waynesburg through the years of brick and mortar, boom, bust and renewal. The new sidewalks—just in time for the upcoming holiday shopping season—let you know Greene County is taking care of business and that Waynesburg is the place to shop for what the future has in store.

For Enchanted Moon Acres, any time is great time to meet shopkeepers Erin Pierson and Jennifer Shumaker. The showroom is a great browse, through tables and displays of crystals, hand forged jewelry and oils and tinctures in the boutique side of business. Shop hours are Wednesday through Friday, 11am until 5pm. There are also appointments after hours and on Saturday for the wellness therapies and guided spiritual consultations offered daily in the rooms down the hall.

The main reasons this new shop is open is the power of family connections—and the healing power of growing up in Greene County.

Jentox, a regime of wellness that features “gentle detoxification and bioenergetics therapies” is a practice Shumaker, a 1987 West Greene grad, started in 2008 while working as an actor in Los Angeles.

“I graduated Penn State with degrees in biology/biochemistry and theater. I worked for the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) in Morgantown as a biochemist before taking off to be an actor.”

Both degrees, she cheerfully admits, were put to good use while working in LA, and Atlanta, Georgia as



Jennifer Shumaker, Tera McGowan, and Erin Pierson, co-owner/managers of Enchanted Moon Acres.

part of the entertainment industry. Keeping stress at bay and staying healthy brought out the scientist in her approach, first to her own need for wellness, then as a system to help others be their best selves while living the high stakes lives of journeyman actors, professional athletes and high end entrepreneurs.

Shumaker remembers deciding four years ago to come home and help deal with the legal issues involved with the family farm being undermined. She fell in love again with her home turf and its history. Using her handiness with tools, she began restoring a Civil War-era home she purchased from the coal company. “I bought it to flip it for a profit, but now I don't know. I'm thinking of turning it into a wellness retreat. It's such a beautiful place! I respect historic old houses. They speak to me.”



Jennifer Shumaker, in her holistic wellness center, part of Enchanted Moon Acres.

For Pierson, the way back home is caught up in the very real stress of early onset illness for women in their 30s that leaves them feeling there's “nowhere to go to get help.”

Pierson's childhood spent on her grandparent's farm in Richhill Township revolved around nature and the unconditional love she shared with her grandparents and their affinity for the land. The little girl who played with baby squirrels and raccoons and collected bird feathers and “wanted to save all the animals” graduated from Central Greene in 2005 and went off to college to become a nurse.

By 2010, Pierson was married and living “the white picket fence, lake front life” near Indianapolis, Indiana, working in emergency rooms and going back to school to

study nursing psychology. But beneath the plastic perfection of middle class living, stress and buried trauma were taking their toll. A hysterectomy in 2019, followed by a diagnosis of cancer and the soul-draining pain of chemotherapy, only added to the tumultuousness of divorce and dealing with toxic relationships.

The spiritual awakening Pierson would experience through her early brush with mortality helped her find what lies beyond utter despair. Her pain became a journey of self-redemption and empowerment. Unpacking memories of the fears she still carried took her back to the natural life she'd lived wholeheartedly as a child. Along the way, she met others, found her calling at a spiritual retreat, became an ordained minister and accepted the healing power of sharing stories without fear to give empowerment to others.

“I began walking my journey by journaling, then connecting with people through Facebook and starting a podcast,” Pierson said, smiling now. “I start each chapter of my podcast like I'm unpacking a box and looking at everything inside. And I invite others to take the journey with me. I've learned to be a good advisor, feel empathy, and help others put it in perspective.”

In March, Pierson packed up and headed back to Greene County to live off the grid and rediscover the healing power of nature she'd learned as a wide-eyed child. Every day became a new journey of reconnecting with kids she'd grown up with, finding unexpected connections—some call them serendipity—and mustering up the commitment to create Enchanted Moon Acres.

Serendipity, the fairy godmother of life-changing moments, brought Shumaker into the story this summer. “My mom plays cards with Barbie Slinger; her son George is friends with Erin. She told her about Erin starting a healing center. So we met at Creekside Kitchen in Graysville and hit it right off. It's a match made in heaven! I've been doing treatments at home, and my clinics in LA and Atlanta are operating well, but I'm ready to do this here—it's one of those moments. In order to heal the body, the spirit and the mind have to heal too.”

Pierson and Shumaker's passion for their hometown communities lead them to create a healthy, healing environment for Greene County's residents to enjoy for years. To make an appointment or for additional information, email the team at [enchantedmoonacres@gmail.com](mailto:enchantedmoonacres@gmail.com).



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# Public Service Profile

By Emma Bates

## GREENE COUNTY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE



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As MaChal Forbes of the Greene County United Way says, "You don't know what you don't know," and

for Greene County residents, there is an arsenal of services available that many have never been exposed to before. In a county of many rural households, nonprofit groups have recognized a need to bridge the information gap between locals and the myriad of services available to them. In order to meet this need, members of the Greene County Nonprofit Partnership are expanding an already created, but little known booklet, called the Greene County Family and Community Services Resource Guide.

Originally designed in 2020, and first published in the winter of 2023, the Resource Guide came to fruition after its initiation by Michael Holloway, Administrator of the Greene County Family Center, and is now being furthered through the partnership of local nonprofit executive directors MaChal Forbes of the Greene County United Way, and Aaron Houser of Growing Up Greene. Representing the 20+ organizations in the Greene County Nonprofit Partnership, Forbes and Houser have joined forces in order to reevaluate the Resource Guide and tailor it to better fit the needs of a more diverse readership. The goal of the Nonprofit Partnership is simply to help others, and the newly updated Resource Guide provides an outlet for doing just that.

Aaron shares that "the idea that people can't find [the help] they need certainly eats at the directors."

"We needed more awareness for accessing resources," MaChal continues.

Now, in order to accommodate the various needs of residents, and the differing levels of internet access throughout the county, the guide will now be available in print and online as "a searchable database [where] people can easily find who they are needing to contact," as described by

MaChal.

In rural areas, many families face internet instability, or even a lack of connection altogether, which presents significant challenges in today's modern and technologically bound society. Fortunately, the Resource Booklet is presented in both digital and physical formats to be used whenever and wherever people need information. "[It's] a comprehensive guide in order to include everyone," Aaron elaborates.

"We are excited to expand the reach of information offered," adds MaChal.

One major challenge identified by all those involved in the project remains—funding. "Most non-profits are small, and looking for funding," says MaChal.

Through sponsorships, donations, and grants, however, the goal has been able to garner "enough funding to reach every household... This is a very positive thing for our county," she says.

Michael additionally shares that even in the beginning phases of the project, "Despite financial limitations, we successfully produced 700 copies, all of which were very well received." Now, Greene County residents can "find out who's there to help," according to Aaron.

"Awareness and education is critical," Michael says, of both the services provided by the Family Center, and of the upcoming booklet. "We want people to use it... families don't know who to ask," he states, and hopes that families and children of all ages can be connected with better help upon the release of this newly improved resource. "This project is driven by a mission to inform, empower, and support families throughout Greene County by connecting them with the resources they need to thrive."

Be on the lookout for the Resource Guide to be released in an upcoming addition of the GreeneScene Community Magazine.



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# Cool at School: Carmichaels Area School District

By D. Nyland

The nondescript, pale yellow house in Nemaocolin now sits empty. But for the past three years, the inside of the small house was a space for children to thrive. There, the Helping House had been assisting children with their homework, supplying dinner and snacks, and providing a place for those children to wash their clothes and have access to hygienic necessities during the school year and summer months since it opened its doors in October 2021. Unfortunately, the house in Nemaocolin closed its doors at the end of the 2024 school year when its three-year grant funding ran out and the school district declined to continue the project.

The announcement to move the house from Nemaocolin came as a surprise to many parents, and some expressed dismay over the move, citing transportation concerns. But the house had no choice but to move locations due to cost concerns. The house, originally funded through a grant and Carmichaels Area School District, reached the end of its grant allotment and the district declined funding the house. It is now a non-profit, community-based after school program.

At The Helping House, children receive homework help, tutoring, mentoring, a free hot dinner, snacks, showers and grooming, laundry, socialization, internet service, and more. According to the parents, one of the most valuable benefits is the laundry service. Using the washer and dryer from the previous Helping House, and thanks to the township supervisors adding washer hook-ups and new wiring for the dryer, children are still able to learn valuable skills and gain a sense of pride by washing their own clothes. They learn how to run the washer using different settings for various types of clothes, measure the detergent, and fold laundry. Children also learn how to run the sweeper, mop floors, clean the bathroom, and do other household chores needed to keep a clean, healthy home.

Rather than see the area children lose out on such a valuable resource, local teachers and volunteers got together to find a new location and funding sources. When teacher Traci Dobish was informed by Carmichaels School District administration that the program would dissolve because the ESSER Grant ended and the district was unable to fund it, she began searching for alternatives. She contacted Cumberland Township Supervisor Sam Hastings to inquire about the Crucible Fire Hall.

Traci and Amanda Anderson toured the facility with Hastings and Brian Sokol to determine if it would be a good fit. It needed some TLC, but they loved the location and its every aspect. Cumberland Township Supervisors Sam Hastings, Jim Sokol, and Bill Nicholson, along with Brian Sokol, have assisted them throughout the process.

The empty fire department is the new home of the helping house, and while it might not have the same homey feeling of the small house in Nemaocolin on the hill, it provides a better space for the children to spread out and enjoy a myriad of activities, as well as space to play outside. Inside, you'll find a reading nook, an art station, homework stations, a cozy living room, a gaming corner, tables, and more. The space is much larger, which means more children can attend; this year's attendance is up to 40 children, compared to the former average of 15.

Traci and her husband Lou, along with Amanda Anderson, Shannon Adamson (and sons Aydan and Ambrose), Natalie Crouse (and family Darren, Sophie, and Levi), Randi Knizner, Kate Hillsman, and Jeff Donaldson, worked end-



Children enjoy the new helping house location in Crucible. There, they get help with homework, hang out with friends, and enjoy activities.

lessly for weeks to get the fire hall cleaned, organized, and ready to open.

"Lou installed new flooring in the kitchen and made SO many trips after work to pick up donated furniture and deliver it to the helping house for us. Every day I would give him new addresses, and he gladly made his rounds and picked up the items for us," Traci says. "Our teachers worked all day at school, then reported to The Helping House after work to scrub walls, floors, and move furniture. It was a group effort, and everyone pulled together and made it happen in a matter of weeks. We have the BEST group of teachers that work very well together!"

In addition, Humble Carpet donated carpet remnants for the "family room" and "the gaming corner" of the Helping House, and Dan Smith is purchasing more carpet to help keep the children's feet warm from the concrete floor in the upcoming winter months.

At the open house held in early September, children happily explored the new space, while snacking on delicious cookies. Parents and donors also got the chance to see the space and talk with the teachers and volunteers who will support the endeavor for the school year. Before they left, children received a dinner to take home - one for themselves and one for each sibling they have at home.

One of the biggest hurdles facing some of the children that previously attended is transportation. Some of these children walked to and from Helping House after getting off their Nemaocolin bus. Now, with the location seven miles away in Crucible, they have no way of returning home after the house closes and are unable to attend. Helping House had hoped to have a bus avail-



able to students with drop-off points in the school district, but the cost is prohibitive - they would need to pay almost \$800 a week to do so.

There is a bus that takes the children from school to Crucible, where a teacher waits at the bus stop to walk them to The Helping House. Space on the bus filled up quickly, and there is now a waiting list. With so many children at different grade levels attending, staffing may need to be increased, and they are currently working on a bussing solution to ensure every child who wants to attend will have the opportunity.

Without funding support from the school district this year, Helping House is running entirely on charitable contributions from community members and organizations. A very generous monetary donation from the Scott A. Kiger Family Foundation has allowed the house to continue.

"Jared Edgreen, Greene County Commissioner, has also been in close contact with me to provide resources for us to apply for funding. He has been very helpful."

The Scott A. Kiger Family Foundation, Dan Smith, and Nikki Worch have helped

with every single step needed to open The Helping House this year. Traci was told, "Do what you do best and run this Helping House like you have been doing for the last three years, and we will take care of everything else on the business end to get you up and running."

The Helping House is currently looking for monetary donations to keep running. Also, if you would like to donate items, The Helping House needs the following items: slippers, socks, individually packaged snacks, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, EZ Mac and Cheese, fruit, paper plates, plastic ware, All Free and Clear laundry detergent and dryer sheets, bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, Dawn dish soap, liquid hand soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, hair brushes, deodorant/antiperspirant, and anything you would typically use within your household.

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# Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## A SAD IRON HEATER

There are many interesting artifacts in museums all over the world: gold crowns worn by royalty and leaders throughout all periods of history, documents that have shaped our nation, and other important items that played a role in some of the most well-known events in history. However, sometimes the most fascinating things we see are the tools and utensils used by regular people during their daily lives in those long-lost years gone by. And that's just what this month's artifact is.

A well-dressed person always wants to have sharp looking, wrinkle free clothing, and there is generally only one way to achieve that look: a clothes iron. Today we think of modern electric irons you plug in to heat, maybe add a little water to produce some steam, and go to town ridding your clothing of wrinkles, and maybe finishing with a nice crease.

However, for decades, centuries even, in the past, folks used what was called a "Sad Iron." Sad shouldn't evoke unpleasant memories or feelings (unless you just really hate to iron clothes). In this case, the word sad can trace its origin back to older words that simply mean solid. A solid iron

simply means that a sad iron is made of solid iron.

Earlier sad irons were a solid piece of iron, usually cast into a shape that we would indeed recognize as a clothes iron today, with a solid iron handle. However, in the later Victorian Era and through the early parts of the 20th century, these sad irons became more advanced. The iron itself would separate from an upper portion that was often lined with asbestos to keep the handle from getting hot. That type of sad iron is featured in the photo. Thankfully the asbestos has long since been removed.

These later sad irons could use a designated heater to warm up the iron, also shown here in the photo. Kerosene powered these heaters, and they could often double as a small stove to cook on. Older sad irons were simply heated on the hearth stones near a cooking or heating fire.

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## Going **Greene**: A LITTLE BIT OF GREENE IN WASHINGTON

By Matthew Cumberledge

Meadowcroft Rock Shelter and Historic Village is one of the best-known historic sites and museums in western Pennsylvania. It is perhaps most famous for the archaeological site located under an ancient rock shelter. This site has pushed back the date of human habitation in the Americas as far back as twenty thousand years ago.

Meadowcroft is also well known for its Native American village and a historic village that take you on a journey through historic structures, going back to life in rural Pennsylvania during the 19th century. The structures in the historic village were moved to that site over many years, creating the historic experience we know today. Two important parts of the Historic Village had their origins in Greene County.

The Pine Bank Covered Bridge, with a span of just over 30 feet, originally crossed Tom's Run in Pine Bank in Gilmore Township. It was built as a King Post structure sometime around 1870 or 1871. It bridged the road over Tom's Run until 1961, when PennDOT determined a more modern bridge was required. Albert Miller, the man behind Meadowcroft Village, rescued the bridge and installed it at Meadowcroft's historic village in 1962, where it has been ever since. The Pine Bank Covered Bridge remains in a very well-maintained state, with restoration work being completed on the bridge as recently as 2016.

Greene County's other contribution to Meadowcroft Village also hails from the western end of the county and is not too far from Pine Bank! The Fairview Southern Methodist Church once stood at the edge of Fairview Cemetery on

Six Run Road in Gilmore Township. It was an old log church building built sometime around the late 1860s or early 1870s and likely covered with wooden clapboard siding once completed. Fairview Church sat on that site until the mid- 90s, when it was purchased and moved to Meadowcroft Village. It is now a publicly viewable historic structure in well-maintained condition.

Even though the old Fairview Church no longer stands at its original site and the location of the Fairview Cemetery, the old graveyard is still a very interesting place to visit. The cemetery is well-maintained and is in a beautiful location. Local lore also states that there is a lonely

grave in the cemetery covered with a large, unmarked stone slab. That slab designates the last resting place of an unknown peddler that died in the area sometime long ago.





# Recent Events in Greene & Nearby

## WU Hosts Penn State Extension Roundtable

Waynesburg University hosted Penn State Extension's Greene County "Day in the County" roundtable at the University's off-campus Alston Farm Tuesday, Sept. 10, to explore future uses of the farm and a potential partnership with the Extension.

Penn State Extension's biannual meeting is held with the purpose of discussing the impact made by the Extension in the county and exploring future collaboration and community education opportunities. In attendance included Extension educators, staff and leadership, County Commissioners, and community partners from Greene County, Penn State and Waynesburg University.

Focused on offering accessible science-based information to people, businesses and communities in Pennsylvania, Penn State Extension provides face-to-face and online educational materials aimed to address problems in the area and take advantage of opportunities for improvement. Topics covered include 4-H youth development; energy, business and community vitality; food safety and quality; agronomy and natural resources; food, families and health; horticulture; and animal systems.

Waynesburg University President Douglas G. Lee hosted a tour of Alston Farm and participated in a discussion regarding the collaboration between the two institutions for enhancing programming and resources for the University and Greene County residents.

The well-preserved historic house, log cabin, barn and work shed, along with 52 acres, presents tremendous collaborative opportunities between these two institutions that create greater learning experiences for the students and public alike.

Alston Farm was donated to Waynesburg University with the purpose of offering opportunities for student and faculty outcomes, new and expanded student instruction and community outreach.

## 2024 Greene County Fair Queen and Court Wrap up a Successful Fair Week

Nine young ladies recently competed in four age divisions to represent the Greene County Fair: Eryka Hackney, the 16-year-old daughter of Eric and Jessica Hackney of Wind Ridge was named queen who reigned over the activities of the annual Greene County Fair. Assisting her were Junior Princess, Ashdyn Kern, the 14-year-old daughter of Jeremy and Marti Kern of Waynesburg, Little Princess, Claire Borovichka, the 11-year-old daughter of Nathan and Kristy Borovichka of Waynesburg and Mini Princess, Kaeyln Duncan, the 7-year-old daughter of Travis and Lainey Duncan of Clarksville.

The new queen and princesses handled many duties during the seven day-long fair from handing out ribbons, to scooping ice cream, to welcoming visitors to the fair each day.

But their duties are far from over. The title holders will work to share the importance of agriculture and represent the fair at local parades, other fairs, and queen contests in the region along with various local events and activities over the twelve months.

The 2024 Greene County Fair Queen will compete in the 2025 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Contest during the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Convention, held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in January 2025 competing for the title of 2025



## Food Truck & Car Cruise

The 3rd Annual Greene County Historical Society Car Cruise and Food Truck day was quite a wonderful experience this year, the front lawn of the museum was filled with great rides from decades past, and of course the food trucks were a hit! This year, What's Smokin' BBQ was in attendance with their AMAZING Menu of Burgers and other



Pennsylvania State Fair Queen.

The Greene County Fair Queen Contest, now in its 38th year, is open to females aged 6 to 20 who must reside in Greene County, Pennsylvania. Queen contestants are judged on an essay on "What the Greene County Fair Means to my Community", a three-to-five-minute speech on "Why You Should Come to the Greene County Fair", a personal interview, impromptu question, and modeling in an evening gown. Younger contestants are judged on age-appropriate contests designed for their divisions.

Requests to have the Queen and princesses appear at your event or for information on the program please email [greene-county-fair-queen@gmail.com](mailto:greene-county-fair-queen@gmail.com)

## Stuff the Bus

This year's Stuff the Bus took over the Waynesburg Lions Club & Community Park on Wednesday, August 14. The Greene County United Way provided 381 children backpacks with school supplies, new shoes, new or gently used clothing, haircuts, and dental and/or eye exams. Throughout the course of the day, they provided lunch and desert, with 100 giant pizzas from Scotty's Pizza and 681 ice cream desserts from Iced Cake & Ice Cream Shoppe and the Corner Cupboard Food Bank (thanks to EQT) to the kids and their families.

The Greene County United Way continues to be overwhelmed with the support of our community. The generosity from so many businesses, churches, and other nonprofit organizations has been amazing and humbling.

Only with the community's support is the Greene County United Way able to help our county's children. The GCUW would like to thank First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County, the Campbell Family Fund, Community Foundation of Greene County, Pennsylvania, Operation Warm & EQT Foundation, CONSOL Energy Inc., Cornerstone Care, Fox Bus Company, Pieper Whipkey, PA250, Waynesburg Lions Club & Community Park, Fleniken Public Library, Corner Cupboard Food Bank Inc, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA, Blueprints, Eva K. Bowby Public Library, Salvation Army- Greene County, St. Matthias Ladies Guild, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girl Scouts, Greene County Mental Health, PA Parent & Family Alliance, Dress for Success, and PA 211 Southwest.

They would also like to shout out to their MANY volunteers who set-up, clean up, and everything in between! They are greatly appreciative of their help.

Thanks also go to Mandi Restanio and the First Baptist Church Waynesburg Youth for setting up games. And, finally, thank you to Dawn Mankey, Josh Koss, Cindy Wilson, Jada Barcheisi, Jessica Cole, Jason Renner, and Debbie Closser for your generosity (and your amazing hair stylings)!

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delicious items, also Vesta 88 Catering turned out with their new Pop Up Menu that features what they call "Walkin' Balls," which is a creative take on a Meatball Sub, and let me say it is absolutely delicious!

Inside the museum, visitors were treated to a wide range of exhibits throughout the building that featured different aspects from throughout Greene County History and the History of the old Poor House, the site where the museum is now located. A used book sale also took place inside, and many visitors went home with armfuls of books! All in all, it was a great day of great food and fun!

### Whiskey Rebellion at Friendship Hill

Visitors took a quick trip back in history at the Whiskey Rebellion Festival at Friendship Hill recently. The event featured vendors and craftspeople selling their wares and demonstrating historical techniques. The house/museum was also open to visitors.

### International Vulture Day

The Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia is dedicated to conserving the region's wild birds through research, education, & rehabilitation. In honor of International Vulture Awareness Day 2024, they held their own event at their



Outdoor Classroom in Cheat Lake. During this free family friendly event, guests met the non-releasable vultures at the facility - Vader, Lew, Boris (turkey vultures) and Maverick, a black vulture. These birds were injured and unable to be rehabilitated. Visitors could also see other unreleasable birds at the facility.

In addition to visiting the birds, guests participated in crafts, such as creating vulture art, Bldg enrichment toys, digging through a scavenger hunt, and more. They also learned about conservation research.

At 2pm, a rehabilitated turkey vulture was released back into the wild.

### Bituminous Coal Show, Carnival, & Parade

Saturday, the Coal Show wrapped up it's week long festivities with a car show, parade, and the last day of the carnival and live music at the fire hall, with fireworks at 10pm. Parade Results include:

- Senior High Marching Band (9-12)
  - 1st - Albert Gallatin
  - 2nd - Waynesburg Central
- Jr/Sr High Marching Band (7-12)



- 1st - Carmichaels
  - 2nd - Jefferson-Morgan
- Best Float**
- 1st - King Coal Youth Softball
  - 2nd - Greene Valley Church of God
- Fire Equipment**
- Heavy Pumper - Waynesburg
  - Medium Pumper - Perry Twp.
  - Light Pumper - Nemaquin
  - Tanker - Denbo Vesta 6
  - Brush Truck - Point Marion
  - Squad - Tower Hill
  - Rescue - Marianna
  - Ambulance - Jefferson
  - Aerial/Ladder - Adah
  - Judges Choice - Adah
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Also, congratulations to Vandergrift on taking first place at the 2024 King Coal Battle of the Barrels, winning the trophy and \$500. Also congratulations to Carmichaels on second place and a prize of \$250.

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## Recent Events in Greene & Nearby

The 2024 King Coal Association Charles Workman Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show Results were:

- BEST IN SHOW: Herman Clutter - 1969 Oldsmobile H/O
- COAL QUEEN CHOICE: James Oravets II - 1967 Mustang Coupe
- HOBO UDOVICH AWARD: John Koval - 1967 Dodge RT Cornet 440
- BILL LEWIS AWARD: Scott Lenhart - 2006 Custom Victory Vegas
- FURTHEST DISTANCE: Barry Jackson - 1953 Chevrolet
- OLDEST ENTRY : Ron Six - 1925 Dodge Brothers Rat Rod
- CAR CLASS: 1st Place: Bill & Cheri Galantine - 1966 Pontiac GTO; 2nd Place: Rich Booth - 1955 Chevrolet Belair ; 3rd Place: Eugene Latusek - 1964 Corvette
- TRUCK CLASS: 1st Place: Barry Jackson - 1953 Chevrolet ; 2nd Place: Dale Trader - 1964 Ford F250; 3rd Place: Teresa Jones - 1936 Ford Truck

### 50's Fest & Car Cruise

With a cloudy day in the mid-80s predicted, the 23rd Annual '50s Fest & Car Cruise was presented, as always, on the second Saturday of September in downtown Waynesburg. On September 14, around 109 classic and hot rod vehicles were registered, and, over the six-hour timeframe, hundreds of spectators turned out for the event coordinated by Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful, Inc.

The sunny, slightly windy day brought plenty of fun, with lots of cool cars, classic music, dancing, hula hooping, bubblegum bubble blowing, and shopping downtown Waynesburg's small businesses. Attendees could also stop by and grab a calendar from the Waynesburg-Franklin VFD, a ticket to win a truck from the United Way, or talk to the Patriot Dream Riders Association and check out their motorcycles.



Each year the committee honors the driver of the vehicle that traveled the most miles to get to the cruise with a prize supplied by sponsors WANB Radio & *GreeneScene Community Magazine*. Joe Fitzpatrick - winner of the furthest distance driven! Joe drove his 1960 Austin Healey Sprite 320 miles from Fawn Grove, PA!

The lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing was Aaron Ketchum, taking home \$122. Other winners of the day included Youth Bubble Gum Contest winners Jenna, Bryanna & Colton; Adult Bubble Gum Contest winners Amy & Seth; Twist Contest winners Lena & Katlyn; and Hula Hoop winners Jasmine & Waylon.

"It was an excellent day for the event, and the weather was perfect" says Danielle Nyland, co-chairperson of WP&B's 50s Fest Committee. "The family activities were perfect for people of all ages, and everyone had a great time. We're so happy that we can continue the event on High Street year after year. It was a great 23rd year, and we can't wait for year 24!"

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**Local Cancer Survivor Travels to Nation's Capital to Urge Congress to Make Cancer a Top Priority**

**Advocates Ask for Increased Cancer Research Funding and a Pathway to Improved Access to Cancer Early Detection**

On September 17, Brittany Groover of Waynesburg joined nearly 750 cancer patients, survivors, and their loved ones from all 50 states, Guam and Puerto Rico, and almost every congressional district to unite in Washington, D.C., as part of the annual American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Leadership Summit and Lobby Day. ACS CAN volunteers urged their elected officials to take specific steps to make cancer a national priority and help end a disease that still kills roughly 1,676 people a day in this country.

Groover, who was diagnosed with III melanoma three years ago at the age of 27, met with members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation and asked them to support legislation creating a pathway for Medicare to cover new multi-cancer early detection tests (MCED) once they are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and clinical benefit is shown.

"At a time when partisanship is at an all-time high, the MCED Screening Coverage Act has bRd bipartisan support, and I am eager to tell lawmakers that it is past time Congress enact this legislation. Early detection played an important role in my experience with cancer; if my melanoma had not been detected when it was, I might not be here today," said Groover. "Roughly 1 in 3 people in the US will hear the words 'you have cancer' in their lifetime. We need a full and unwavering commitment from Congress to take action to help detect and treat cancer."

After meeting with their lawmakers, volunteers gathered at the Constitution Gardens in Washington, D.C., to honor cancer survivors and remember those lost to the disease during the annual Lights of Hope ceremony. Illuminated bags decorated with the names of those who have faced a cancer diagnosis were displayed as a powerful message of hope.



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# Good NEWS

In Greene County

## The Greene County Toys for Tots Fund established at CFGC in Memory of the late John C. "Buzz" Walters

The Greene County Toys for Tots Fund, established in memory of the late John C. "Buzz" Walters, has been created at the Community Foundation of Greene County. Buzz had been the driving force behind Toys for Tots in Greene County since the late 1970s.

The Greene County Toys for Tots program is dedicated to purchasing and distributing toys during the "Christmas/Holiday Season" for children in need throughout Greene County.

Family, friends, and volunteers all agree that Buzz Walters was the heart and soul of Toys for Tots in Greene County, transforming generosity into joy and ensuring that every child experienced the magic of the season. His unwavering dedication exemplified the power of kindness. His legacy of giving will continue to inspire us all for generations to come.

To contribute to the fund, you can contact the Community Foundation at 724-627-2010 or via email at [cfcgpa@gmail.com](mailto:cfcgpa@gmail.com). For more information about the Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC), please visit our website at [www.cfcgpa.org](http://www.cfcgpa.org).

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC), a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 2000, serves as the central philanthropic entity in Greene County, managing over \$8 million in assets through more than 100 endowed and restricted funds.

## Greene County Chamber of Commerce Announces 2024 winners of the Distinguished Service Awards and McCracken Legacy Award

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce will host their 36th annual Membership Banquet and presentation of the Distinguished Service Awards on Thursday, November 14th at Valley View Farm in Waynesburg.

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

The 2024 Distinguished Service Award is presented this year to individuals Chuck Wolfe, Connie Hart, and Doug Wilson; the Posthumous Distinguished Service Award will be announced at the Banquet and a separate service will occur in the spring.

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

Receiving the 2024 McCracken Legacy Award is Ross Tractor Sales

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce works with the business community to bring services and information to its members through meetings, newsletters, training seminars and networking gatherings. It also provides ribbon cuttings as part of grand opening celebrations for new member businesses in the county. The Chamber was once again ranked number 16 by the Pittsburgh Business Times on their list of "Largest Chambers in the Pittsburgh Region" with 365 members. The Chamber has made the list since 2005 when it debuted at number 23. The Chamber is proud of this ranking which reflects the dedication of the staff and the Board of Directors to growing a vibrant and thriving Chamber to serve not only the business community

but the general population as well through events such as the Annual Downtown Waynesburg Christmas Parade which has been held for 85 years. 2024 marked the 34th year that the Chamber has given a scholarship to a graduating Greene County high school senior who is going on to a two-year or four-year college, university, or trade school.

The public is welcome to attend the banquet and may make reservations by email by November 8, 2024

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

## Waynesburg U. Faculty Publishes Textbook on Forensic Psychology

Dr. Kenneth Cairns, chairperson for the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Science, Assistant Professor of criminal justice and University counselor at Waynesburg University, recently published a textbook with Sage Publications, Inc. The book titled, "Forensic Psychology: An Inside Perspective on Criminal Thinking and Behavior," is now being used in curricula at colleges and universities across the country.

The idea for the book, which covers a variety of areas from experiences of victims, to the psychology of first responders, as well as behavioral analysis and the psychopathology of those who commit serial homicides, came to light after Dr. Cairns was unable to find a book that met his needs as an instructor of the topic.

"Every book I found was co-authored, with one author being a criminal justice professional with limited knowledge of psychology and the other author being a psychologist who knew the research on offenders but who had never actually worked with offenders," explained Dr. Cairns. "It occurred to me that I needed a book written by a psychologist who spent a career working closely with offenders. No such book seemed to exist, so I decided that I should be the one to write it."

With more than 20 years of experience as a psychologist for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections before coming to Waynesburg, Dr. Cairns knew he had the knowledge and experience needed to fill the gap in available resources for forensic psychology courses, so he began writing to publishers hoping to find interest in his idea. Sage Publications, Inc, accepted his proposal.

"Each chapter begins with a story from my experience as a psychologist in maximum and super-maximum-security prisons," shared Dr. Cairns, who was also a member of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Regional Hostage Negotiation Team, and served as team leader of the SCI-Greensburg Critical Incident Stress Management Team and the SCI-Greensburg State Employees Assistance Program during his career. "That story is then woven into the topic of the chapter to provide a real-life example of the material discussed in that chapter."

One online reviewer commented, "Dr. Cairns skillfully breaks down complex psychological concepts into digestible, real-world examples, making the subject matter approachable for readers with varying levels of expertise." Also stating the book "should be a must-read for both professionals and students interested in what makes the criminal mind tick."

At Waynesburg, Dr. Cairns uses his textbook as a resource in his Forensic Psychology and Effective Behavioral Analysis courses. He encourages any students interested in the fields of criminal justice or psychology to read the book, sharing that "the manner in which mental health and criminal justice issues intersect is vitally important for professionals in either field."

He also encourages students to take risks and follow their dreams.

"I never intended to be an author..." he said. "...despite never having written a book before, I found that with enough time and effort, page by page, it did in fact become a reality. I encourage others to follow their dreams in the same way."

Dr. Cairns received a bachelor of arts degree from Adelphi University, and a master of arts degree and Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University.

During his career with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, he worked in specialized housing units for the severely mentally ill, extremely violent offenders and another unit for the most violent and impaired inmates in the prison system. He has spoken throughout the United States on topics including hostage negotiation, serial killings, personality disorders, behavioral analysis and crisis intervention.

Before his retirement, Dr. Cairns was promoted to the role of Western Regional Psychologist Manager, where he oversaw the delivery of mental health services of more than 16,000 inmates within eight state prisons.



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The Waynesburg-Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. is selling the 2025 Firemen's Raffle Calendars, offering 365 chances to win over \$165,000 in cash and prizes. You can obtain a calendar with a \$35 donation by contacting any fire company member or calling 724-627-5426.

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## Open House at The Arc Greene County

The Arc Greene County is hosting an open house event on October 24 from 9am-11am and 1pm-2:30pm. Take this opportunity to see their new programs and services and discover how they support individuals with IDD, Autism, and those in mental health recovery. Meet the expert team, explore daily services, check out the sublimations services and photography club, and participate in the Chinese auction while enjoying refreshments.

The Arc also has job openings for Direct Support Professional Flaoter/Van Driver and the residential program, as well as for a registered nurse. Learn more about those opportunities at the event, or reach out now. The Arc is located at 197 Dunn Station Rd in Prosperity. Call 724-627-5511 FMI.

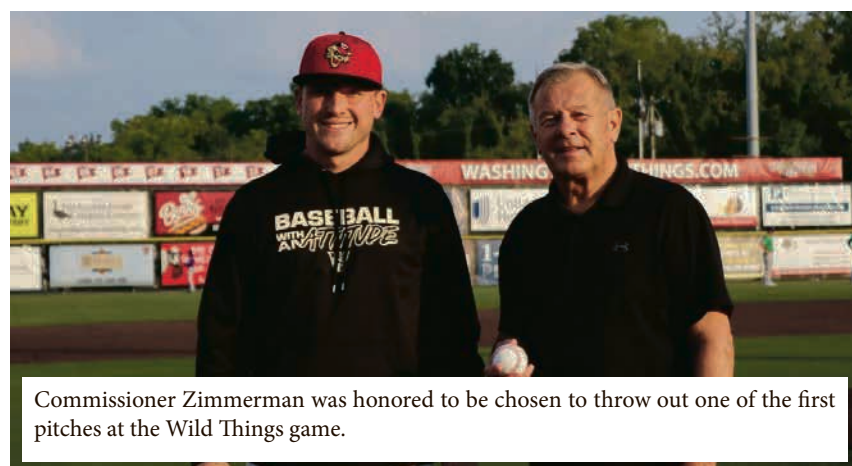
## Greg Nicholson Benefit Pasta Dinner

There will be a Greg Nicholson Benefit Pasta Dinner at the Mount Morris American Legion in Mount Morris, PA on Sunday, October 27 from noon to 3pm. The cost is a donation of \$15/person. All proceeds go toward medical expenses. There will also be prize baskets and a Chinese auction. The event is sponsored by family and friends.

## Governor Shapiro, Labor Leaders Visit Greene's UMWA Career Center for Ceremonial Bill Signing

The Greene County Commissioners were present at the UMWA Career Center to witness a historic event as Governor Shapiro signed a bill for new investments in job training. After Governor Shapiro secured significant new funding last year, the bipartisan budget he signed last month

invested an additional \$30 million in career and technical education and apprenticeships to help expand Pennsylvania's workforce. These investments open the doors for Pennsylvanians, ensuring they have the freedom to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed.



Commissioner Zimmerman was honored to be chosen to throw out one of the first pitches at the Wild Things game.

September is here, and young people are back in school. Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA offers school programs that teach problem solving, conflict resolution, and healthy relationship skills. When students learn these skills, they are less likely to experience or perpetrate domestic violence as adults. DVSSP has prevention programs designed for every grade level. To schedule a free program for your school, call 724-223-5477, or visit [peacefromdv.org](http://peacefromdv.org) FMI.

## This Message Board Is For You!

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



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The top 3 teams will win \$1000, \$500, and \$250 for their favorite charities. All additional proceeds will be split between the Central Greene Scholarship Trust, which offers scholarships to students in Greene County and the Greene County Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund. Through the success of this event, the Central Greene Scholarship Trust has awarded scholarships to 75 local students and has provided over \$20,000.00 in additional support for local charities. With your participation, we can continue to make scholarships available for our students and help our local charities.

Where: Jefferson Fire Hall 1483 Jefferson Rd Jefferson, PA 15344 Smoke-Free. Plenty of parking! Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Please be seated by 5:45 p.m. Trivia Contest will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Registration due by October 4th, 2024. Cost: 4 players: \$30 per player; 5 or more: \$25 per player; Spectator: \$10. Registration, logos and/or questions to: [CentralGreeneScholarshipTrust@gmail.com](mailto:CentralGreeneScholarshipTrust@gmail.com)

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On Monday, December 23rd, from 5 pm to 9 pm, three locations will open their doors to the public for an evening filled with food, socializing, singing, games, crafts, gift-giving, and a lot of fun. The event aims to bring people together and remind them that they are loved and supported, especially during the holidays.

#### EVENT DETAILS

- **Date and Time:** Monday, December 23, from 5pm to 9pm
- **Locations:**
  1. The Denny House & Carriage House
  2. The Way
  3. First United Methodist Church

Each location offers a unique atmosphere, but all share the common goal of creating a welcoming environment where

everyone can feel included and appreciated. Whether you're looking to enjoy a delicious food, participate in festive activities, or simply connect with others, the Holiday of Hope Open House has something for everyone.

The organizers of this event, including First United Methodist Church, The Way, The Denny House, Direct Results, Team Hope, and others, emphasize the importance of community during the holiday season. They recognize that loneliness is a complex issue that can be exacerbated by life changes, mental health conditions, and personality traits. It can also lead to serious health consequences, such as decreased mental wellness and physical problems.

By offering a space for connection and joy, the Holiday of Hope Open House seeks to alleviate these feelings of isolation and bring warmth to those who might otherwise feel alone. Our goal is to ensure that no one in our community feels isolated during this holiday season.

This event is free and open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend. Join us for an evening of hope, community, and holiday cheer.

For more information, contact Pam Marisa at [pam@directresults.us](mailto:pam@directresults.us)



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**Join us Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5 pm - 9 pm**

**3 LOCATIONS:** | The Denny House & Carriage House  
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# Greene County's First-Ever Bridal Expo: A Day to Remember!



Excitement is building in Waynesburg as the town prepares to host its very first Bridal Expo! For all brides-to-be, grooms, and wedding enthusiasts, this is set to be a spectacular day filled with inspiration, creativity, and unforgettable moments.

#### Event Highlights

**Fashion Show:** Prepare to be dazzled by Dresses with Jewels, a local Waynesburg-Based Wedding Dress Boutique, as they take to the runway with their latest bridal collection. From classic elegance to modern chic, every bride will find the perfect look for their

special day. Additionally, one lucky attendee will walk away with a \$1,000 gift certificate for a wedding dress, tux rental or for anything in the store as part of the Fashion Show Celebration!

**DJ Shane:** Keeping the energy alive, DJ Shane will not only spin the latest hits but also act as the announcer, guiding you through every part of the day with upbeat vibes and fun announcements.

**Vendor Showcase:** If you're planning your big day, you'll find a treasure trove of local vendors offering everything you need to wow the crowd and make your dreams come true! The showcase will feature cakes that look like art, cookies that melt in your mouth, photographers to capture the magic, sparkling jewelry, and travel experts to help plan your perfect honeymoon.

**Reception Displays:** For serious wedding inspiration, make your way to the Denny House and Carriage House, where beautiful reception tables will be fully set up. Get ideas for centerpieces, table settings, and décor that will make your reception shine during any season.

**Catering Samples & Cash Bar:** Sample mouthwatering bites from the expo's catering team, giving you a taste of what your wedding day could look like. Plus, if you're in the mood for a cocktail, a cash bar will be available throughout the event.

#### Event Details

- Date: Sunday, November 3
- Time: 2pm
- Location: Denny House, Waynesburg
- Entry: Free for everyone!

Whether you're in the midst of planning or simply looking for some inspiration, this event is for you. There's no better place to explore wedding trends, meet talented vendors, and enjoy a festive atmosphere. Grab your friends, your fiancé, or come solo - Waynesburg's Bridal Expo is sure to be a delightful experience for all.

For more information or to become a vendor, email [innkeeper@dennyhousewbg.com](mailto:innkeeper@dennyhousewbg.com) or call 724-710-8056. We can't wait to see you there!



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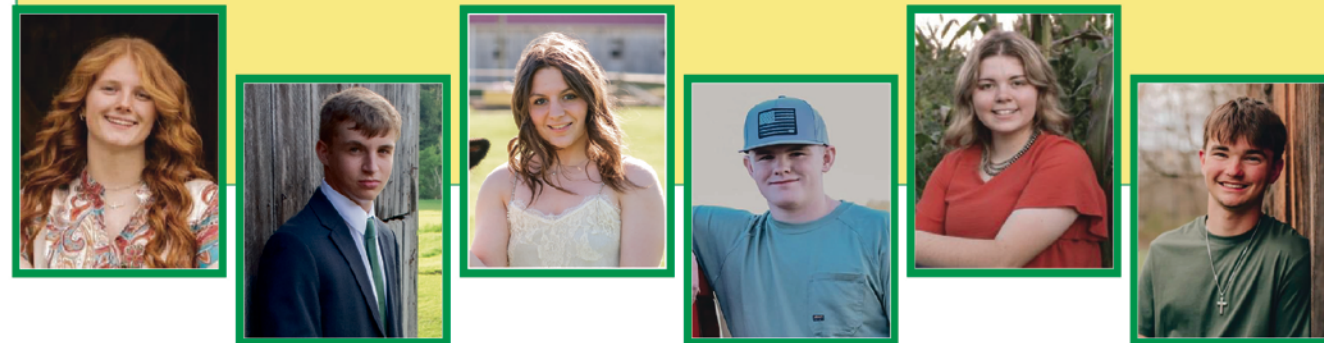
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# BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE MONTH



Senior Bradley Schoenfeldt is a member of the Mikes' football team and Esports Program. He is a member of the Chess Club and is currently enrolled in the EMT class. His hobbies include fishing, lifting weights, and hanging out with friends and family. He plans to attend a four-year university and major in nursing. His ultimate goal is to work as a nurse practitioner specializing in Sports Medicine.



Camryn Anderson is the daughter of Paul and Amanda Anderson of Carmichaels. She is a senior on the Mikes' volleyball team and a member of the Leo Club, National Honor Society, and the school broadcasting program. In her free time, she enjoys going to concerts and spending time with family and friends. Camryn plans on attending college and majoring in Early Childhood Education.



Jake Stephenson is a three-year letterman in both football and wrestling and a one-year letterman in baseball. He was chosen as team captain all four years in football and one year in wrestling. He is one of only four Raider quarterbacks to throw for over 1,000 yards in a season. In football, he was selected First Team All-Conference his freshman and junior years. He won a WPIAL Gold Medal as a member of the wrestling team in 2022. Jake was selected as a GCADA recipient six times- baseball(freshman), wrestling (freshman, sophomore, junior), and football (freshman, junior). He maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA and is a member of National Honor Society. He participates in the young adult Bible group called The Crosswalkers and attends the First Church of the Nazarene. He is the son of Bob and Kristi Stephenson of Waynesburg.



Bailey Rafferty is the daughter of Jeremy and Kelly Rafferty. She has played varsity volleyball for four years. Bailey has been named Max Preps PA Athlete of the Week, GreeneSports Athlete of the Week, All-County, 1st Team All-Section, and WPIAL All-Star. She also plays for Rise Volleyball Academy 18.1 National in Morgantown. Bailey is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of St. Matthias Catholic Parish. She plans to attend Frostburg State University, where she will continue her volleyball career and major in Digital Media.



Colton Spitznogle is a returning letterman for the Maples' football team. The junior plays running back, defensive end and linebacker and is leading the team in tackles. Colton is a member of the National Honor Society and Academic League as well as other various clubs at Mapletown. He is an honor student with a 4.43 GPA and is the son of Christy Dafonzo of Bobtown and Adam Lemley of Morgantown.



Marley Seward has been a member of the Maples' volleyball and softball teams for four years as well as being a cheerleader. She is currently one of the cheer captains. Marley is also a second-year majorette with the Mapletown band. She attends GCCTC and plans to expand her education in the building and construction field. She is an honor roll student and maintains a 3.7 GPA. Marley is the daughter of Patrick and Kim Seward of Greensboro.



Hunter Gorby is the son of Larry and Tracy Gorby of Aleppo. He is a junior and plays football and baseball for the Pioneers. Hunter works hard at training in the off season and enjoys hunting & fishing. He is a member of the school's FFA Chapter as well.



Ella Courtwright is the daughter of Jesse and Shelly Courtwright of Holbrook. She participates in cross country, girls' basketball, and track & field. Ella is also a member of the marching and concert bands. In school, she is a member of the ski club, school choir, and the P20 science group, who presented in Morgantown. She is currently a member of the Top 10 in her Class of 2027.

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

### Women's Doubles 3.5

1st: Debbie ROhanna & Emily Campana  
2nd: Whitney Redka & Moegan Watson  
3rd: Karen Headlee & Tami Greg

### Men's Doubles 3.5

1st: Buddy Rose & Jose La Vecchio  
2nd: Michael Magill & Donnie Redka  
3rd: Travis Gatten & Rashad Davison

### Mixed Doubles 3.0

1st: Mare Barlow & Rich Barnes  
2nd: Janie Hofacken & Steve Polaski  
3rd: Barb DelDuca & Tony Lewis

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Player	Attempts	Yards	TDs
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J. Woodward (JM)	40	253	1
C. Vanata (M)	31	204	1
B. Evans (M)	37	193	1
J. Orndoff (WG)	27	117	0
W. Murray (C)	17	89	0
T. Crouse (WC)	4	70	0
J. Howard (M)	14	69	0
Wilson-Jones (C)	2	68	2
J. Robertson (JM)	5	55	0
R. Tustin (WC)	10	42	1
G. Kundry (C)	4	34	0
H. Hamilton (WG)	11	27	0
S. Lewis (C)	1	25	0
P. Durbin (WG)	14	23	0
C. McKnight (M)	3	13	0
R. Tennet (WC)	10	12	1
Bupka (C)	8	12	0

**RECEIVING**

Player	Catches	Yards	TDs
D. Dehoet (JM)	15	263	7
J. Ricciuti (WC)	18	214	2
Z. Jibblits (WC)	11	123	0
B. Yekel (C)	5	117	3
T. Crouse (WC)	8	94	1
R. Baker (JM)	2	83	1
J. Gilbert (JM)	7	78	2
J. Bedilion (JM)	3	69	0
A. Litwinovich (WC)	5	64	0
C. McKnight (M)	5	61	1
P. Durbin (WG)	5	45	0
H. Hamilton (WG)	8	36	0
D. Woods (WC)	1	33	0
S. Lewis (C)	1	29	1
J. Orndoff (WG)	3	27	0
M. Wassil (WG)	1	26	0
P. Burns (WG)	1	26	0
C. Spitznogle (M)	1	18	1
S. Fox (JM)	2	12	0
J. Robertson (JM)	1	9	0
J. Howard (M)	1	5	0
A. Walker (M)	1	4	1

**SCORING**

Player	TDs	2Pts	PATs	FGs	Total
Stephenson (WC)	8	0	0	0	48
Dehoet (JM)	7	0	0	0	42
Guesman (JM)	5	2	0	0	34
J. Woodward (JM)	2	4	0	0	20
Hamilton (WG)	2	0	1	0	13
Ricciuti (WC)	2	0	0	0	12
Crouse (WC)	2	0	0	0	12
D. Taylor (WC)	0	0	12	0	12
J. Gilbert (JM)	2	0	0	0	12
C. McKnight (M)	1	0	2	0	8
L. Yeck (JM)	0	0	7	0	7
R. Baker	1	0	0	0	6
C. Vanata (M)	1	0	0	0	6
Evans (M)	1	0	0	0	6
Tustin (WC)	1	0	0	0	6
R. Tennet (WC)	1	0	0	0	6
A. Walker (M)	1	0	0	0	6
C. Spitznogle (M)	1	0	0	0	6
D. Woods (WC)	0	1	0	0	2

**PASSING**

Player	Yards	Attempts	Comp	TDs
J. Stephenson (WC)	42	69	546	3
H. Guesman (JM)	28	43	483	8
L. Allison (WG)	25	55	360	2
C. Bupka (C)	9	11	168	5

C. Vanata (M)	3	14	62	0
S. Yeager (M)	4	9	55	1
B. Evans (M)	4	7	33	2
T. Crouse (WC)	2	5	22	0



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# Arts in the Community

## Waynesburg University Department of Fine Arts to Host Faculty Art Exhibit

Waynesburg University's Department of Fine Arts will host an art show Monday, Sept. 16, through Friday, Oct. 18, featuring all four of the visual arts faculty.

An opening ceremony will be held on Monday, Sept. 16, at 4:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

"We are all very different in how we approach our work," said Lisa Rasmussen, gallery director and assistant professor of fine arts and communication.

The gallery will offer a dynamic range of works that demonstrate each faculty member's artistic expertise. Featured faculty are:

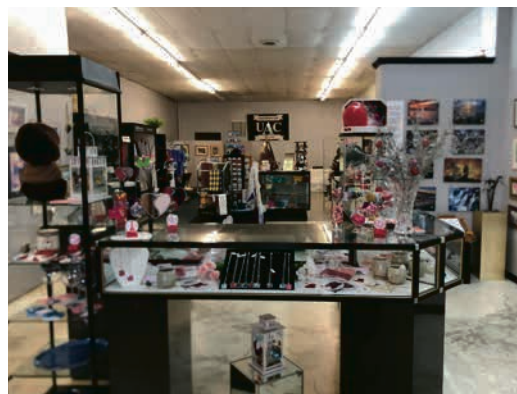
- Andrew Heisey, who creates 3-dimensional art and pottery.
- Sophia Park, who crafts jewelry crafted from precious and semi-precious stones.
- Lisa Rasmussen, who works with watercolor and pen-and-ink.
- Emily Wiedner, who creates mixed media works and pottery.

For more information, contact Rasmussen at lrasmuss@waynesburg.edu.

## Uniontown Art Club Hosting Multiple Events & Classes

The Uniontown Art Club is hosting a variety of classes and events throughout October, November, and December. Get your art on at one of these upcoming events:

- Ancestor Nichos & Shrines - October 6 at 1pm
- Art-O-Ween Ladies Night - October 12 at 4pm
- Gratitude Journal - November 3 at 1pm
- Paint & Dip November Class - November 6 at 6pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Pop-up - November 27 at 4pm
- Holiday Ornaments & Gifts - December 1 at 1pm
- Paint & Dip December Class - December 4 at 6pm
- Christmas Night Market - December 14 at 4pm.



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The Eva K. Bowlby Public Library began in 1943 as the Nellie Donley Children's Library and was located in the First Methodist Church on Richhill Street. A year later, it moved to the second-floor rooms over the First Federal Savings and Loan on High Street. Judge Waychoff and John E. Baily took steps to incorporate the library, and, in 1950, they established a "Development Fund to provide for the continued growth of the library to have funds available for the purchase of a building and to attract bequests, memorials, and special gifts."

In 1957, Mrs. Bowlby willed to the Children's Library Association the funds for an endowment, as well as the house and grounds on West Street to be used for the children's library. The next year, the library moved into the Bowlby home. A decade later, service expanded to include adult materials, and it became known as the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library in honor of its benefactor. Mrs. Bowlby's gift opened up for the library a whole new period of growth and expansion of services to the community. Construction of an addition to the original Bowlby house

was completed in 1987.

Mrs Bowlby's endowment has supported the library since 1957. The library's current budget is \$310,000 annually — 41% of that budget comes from Mrs. Bowlby's endowment (\$125,000) and the rest of our budget comes from local millage (\$68,000) and the State of PA (\$100,000).

Mrs. Bowlby's endowment is dwindling as costs and prices continue to go up. Building awareness of the library's need for replenishing her endowment is critical. To raise needed funds, the board fundraises. Events such as Christmas in July, Gatsby Night at the Library, The Turkey Trot, our new Donor Wall, and the Friends of the Library Cookie Sale—these are efforts to generate funds for the library. Stop in and get a library card, or renew your old card, and see what amazing services and materials we have, because a vibrant community supports and uses their community library. What started as the Nellie Donley Children's Library is not just books anymore!





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## THE WAYNESBURG LIONS CLUB BRINGS THE FUN & HELPS OUR COMMUNITIES THRIVE

By Colleen Nelson

Extra! Extra! Read All About It! There is a new Fall Fest for kids ages 3-12 at the Lions Club Park, Waynesburg on September 28. The fun starts at 6pm with stations for pumpkin painting, face painting, cider and s'mores, coloring contests, carnival games and a bake sale. But wait—there's more! "Bring your chairs and blankets for a movie in the park at 8 pm: Spookley the Square Pumpkin."

I met up with Mandie Ague at Lions Club Park on Saturday, September 7 to get her hot off-the-press flyer for the brand new Fall Fest for this story. "It's our first one and we're excited!" She and fellow Lion Emily Shultz are in charge of what will hopefully bring out huge great bunches of kids to a free festival just for them. The fun, games and a movie will be held while it's still warm enough to snuggle outdoors at dusk with blankets and get in the spooky mood for what October will bring—piles of leaves to jump in, chilly evenings to bundle up for and making just the right costume for trick or treating on Halloween.

When Waynesburg Lions Club & Community Park posted on Facebook that its traditional Halloween Parade on High Street Waynesburg was cancelled due to low attendance "over the last few years" the sense of loss was palpable. Memories of costuming up and parading down High Street, back when it was a stand-alone event, were shared. Others hinted at the obvious: There's a lot more stuff going on when it comes to Halloween than there used to be.

Never fear - kids will be kids when costumes and candy are involved, so trick or treating, trunk or treating, and other parades will still happen all over Greene County. Local trick or treat days are already in the works for the spooky set to go door to door, usually after school and during daylight hours, depending on the weather. Halloween has become a monster mash of pop-cultural proportion, a mask 'em up reason to

do everything everywhere on Halloween for kids and adults alike. (So get out there and become your best crazy costumed uber-ego!)

But there's more to being a Lion than throwing a good party, car show, or event. The first Lions Club was born in 1917 when Chicago entrepreneur Melvin Jones asked his local business club to reach beyond business and help the community. Similar clubs around the country were soon part of the pride, and when a club formed in Windsor Canada in 1920, Lions became international. Over the years, Lions International has taken on many health and environmental issues that affect young and old alike that have made it the largest service organization in the world.

Here in Greene County, Lions Clubs collect prescription glasses for reuse, sell brooms to support the mission, give scholarships through all the school districts, and sometimes get their good deeds published in the paper for all to see. But the real story lies in the many acts of kindness that are under the radar, acts that tell the tale of a group of community minded volunteers caring for their own when the need arises.

Working with Lions Clubs in West Greene, Carmichaels, Jefferson and Mt. Morris is also always an option on bigger projects, as well.

Environmentally friendly projects such as collecting plastic bags add up to tons of plastic being recycled into outdoor benches through a program sponsored by TREX Corp. It takes about a year for the club to gather the thousand pounds of filmy plastic pollution to donate for the bench. "We've done over eight so far and other groups do it too. The bench by Bowlby Library is one."



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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:

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

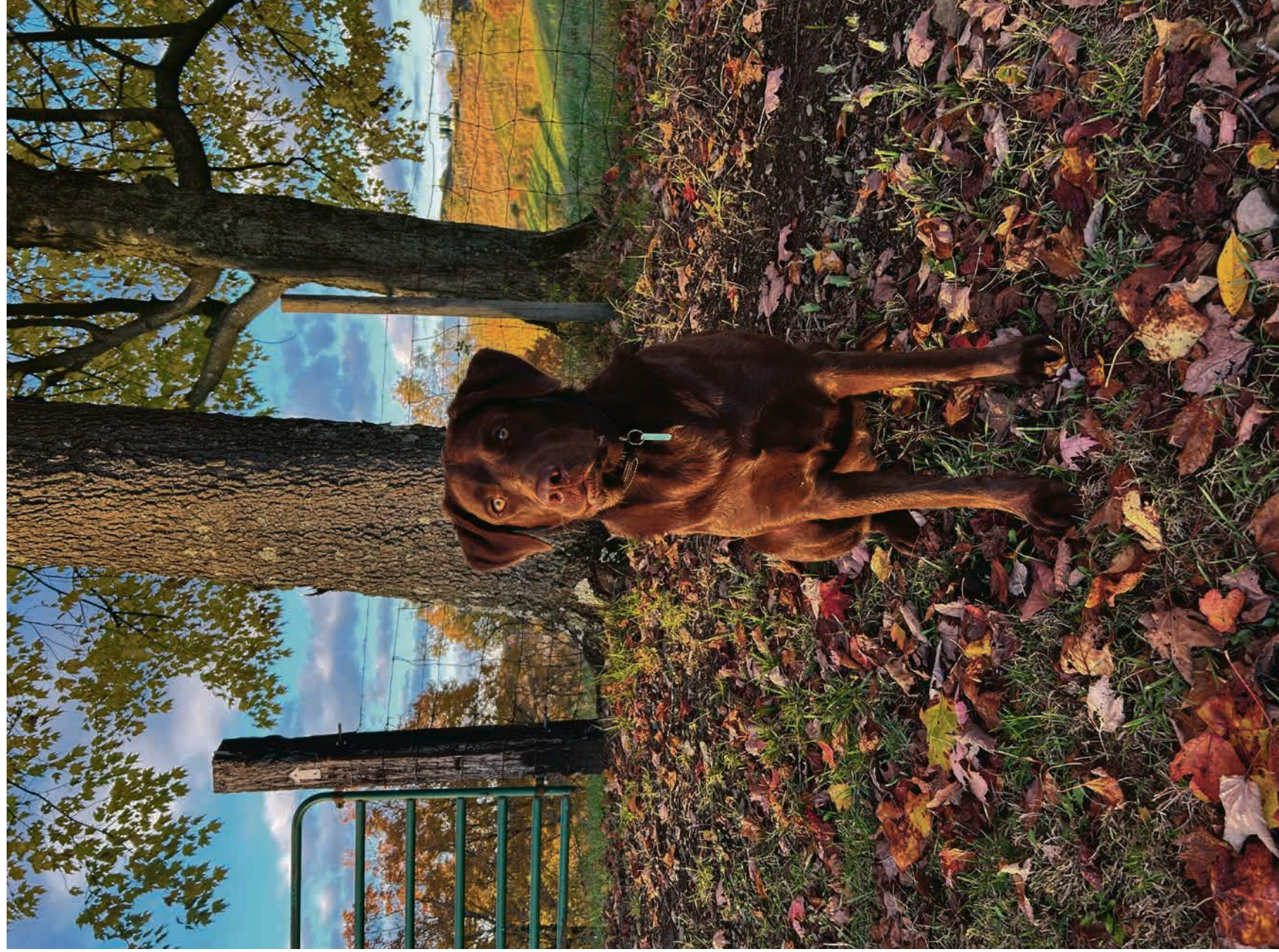
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## OCTOBER EVENTS

**Gain' Batty**  
10/04, 6pm @Ryerson Station State Park. Meet at the Park Office Environmental Education Center at 361 Bristoria Rd. Learn about the types of bats in PA and what you can do to help them. Join us for a bat survey following our discussion.

**Movie Night**  
10/04, 7pm @Bowly Library. Enjoy movie night here at the library Friday, October 4th, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. In the Library's Community Room. This Month's Movie is Inside Out 2. FREE snack and beverage! Doors open at 6:45 PM. Call the library to RSVP your seat(s); 724-627-9776.

**Harvest Festival**  
10/5-6, 10am-5pm @GCHS Museum. See add for details.

**Carmichael's Pig Festival**  
10/5, 11am-4pm @Wana B Park. See article for more details.

**Three Invasions of Gettysburg**  
10/06, 6pm @Bowly Library. The first three days of July in 1863 were fateful days for the course of the Civil War. What happened on each of those days? How did the balance of power shift between Lee's 70,000 soldiers and Meade's army of over 100,000? What actions did

for Adult, Child, & Infant First Aid, and AED. Upcoming dates for classes: October 19th. 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, Take Home CPR Kit, 2 yr. certification card & manual.

**Community Solar Presentation**  
10/19, 2:30pm @Bowly Library, a 15-minute presentation on community solar for homeowners. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

**Bounce Into Jesus' Love**  
10/19, 12:30-4:30pm @First United Methodist Church. See ad for details.

**PA Arts & Crafts Christmas Festival**  
10/18-20, 26-27 @Washington Fairgrounds. Over 230 exhibits. See ad for more details.

**Music to Die For**  
10/19-20 @Olin Fine Arts Center. See ad for more details.

**Mason-Dixon Line Festival & Buckwheat Cake Breakfast**  
8am-3pm, 10/19 @Mason-Dixon Historical Park. Join us here at Mason-Dixon Historical Park, October 19th 2024 for the Mason-Dixon Line Festival and Buckwheat Cake Breakfast! Come early for a home cooked Buckwheat Cake and sausage breakfast- 8am - 12pm. Buckwheat cakes are delicious, sour pancakes topped with your choice of butter, syrup or applesauce. Served with pork sausage patties. Regular pancakes will also be available. Adults \$12, Children \$5. Free entry to festival. Craft vendors - Food Trucks - Surveyor demonstrations and display of equipment, modern and old. - Historical walk by surveyors - & more!

**Good Old Fashioned Halloween Party**  
10/22, 5:30-8pm @Greene County Fairgrounds. Free Community Halloween Party for children of all ages! ALL activities are free! Caramel Apples, Bouncy House, Apple Bobbing, Giant Candy Chute, tons of treats. Pre-register for a chance to win even more prizes by texting 724-710-5476.

**Cosmic Bingo**  
10/25, 7pm @Bowly 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.

## MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

**Flea Market**  
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**Bingo**  
5:30pm @Greensboro VFD, Garards Fort. Every Thursday. \$5 admission.

**Friday Night Dancing**  
6-10pm @ Carmichael's Activity Center. Every Friday. Live bands, snack bar, door prize, \$10 admission.

**Dance Lessons at Carmichael's Activity Center**  
FREE Line Dance lessons. Every Wednesday. Beginner class 11am-12pm. Advanced class 12-2pm. FREE Shag Dance lessons. Every Tuesday evening. 5:30pm. FMI, 724-966-2290.

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

**TOPS**

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

**Dungeons & Dragons Session**  
12:30pm-3:30pm @Bowly Library. Led by Dungeon Master Matthew every Friday for adults and Saturday for teens.

**Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention**  
10:30-11:30am @Bowly 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 @Bowly 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 [soar4greeneconomy.org](http://soar4greeneconomy.org).

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

**White Covered Bridge Assoc. Meeting**  
7:30pm @Greene Twp. Community Building.

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**Wine Down Wednesday**  
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**Fienniken Book Club**  
6-7pm @Fienniken Library. Second Tuesday each month.

**Bowly Book Club**  
4pm @Bowly 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 Fort. Third Thursday monthly.

**Pouring Out Praise**  
6:30pm-8 @Carmichaels Methodist Church, Every fourth Wednesday.

**Creative/Maker Program for Teens**  
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If you've ever seen a vintage car or truck rolling down the road, maybe you wondered about the story. One of the most beautiful things about these classics is that each one has a story behind it. Sometimes, that story is tied to a precious memory, and almost always when those stories are woven together, they tell all about those behind the wheel.

In March of 2021, Richard Kronk and Vicky Hughes of Jefferson began demolishing their small garage because they had dreams of going bigger! Six months later, a concrete floor had been poured and the frame was going up for their new 52'x60' garage with an additional 12' lean-to.

It didn't take long to fill the garage with their massive collection of cars and trucks. The 1930 Model AA Ford, known

as "Popeye," has a permanent place. This vintage truck has quite a history, dating back to the Great Depression, when produce and dry goods were sold from the truck. It was also part of an advertising duo of classic trucks used by the Coronado Brewing Company in California. Today, it can often be seen at car shows or parades, as it remains roadworthy.

The beautiful blue 1978 Ford Thunderbird is a Diamond Jubilee edition. This is a one-year-only model built to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company and was the most luxurious Thunderbird ever built. Richard inherited this classic when his father passed away in 2020, and the car is completely original with only around 20,000 miles and a working 8-track tape player!

Nestled in the corner of the garage is the 1973 Chevy Vega, known as The Wild Mouse. Richard remembers being a youngster riding his pedal bike to help the previous owner by handing him wrenches and tools. So, when this race car hit the auction block, he felt connected enough to buy it and he raced it in exhibition at the Flashlight Drags.



The 1980 Olds Cutlass, also known as The Blur, never misses a chance to run at the Flashlight Drags! This is Richard's 1/8 mile race car that seems to have its own fan club at the Greene County Airport. He meticulously cares for The Blur, making sure the motor, transmission, tires, carbs, plugs, heads, pistons, and more are all ship-shape and ready for race day! If The Blur had a story to tell, it would likely share a story about its name. The go-cart of The Little Rascals has the same name!

The big brown 1976 Ford F-250 Highboy holds a special place in the stable. Richard tore this beast apart and rebuilt it from the frame up. It's often seen at local car shows and has won many awards.

There's also a limited edition 1988 Ford Ranger Skimmer that was purchased from Richard's late father's estate. The story of this truck is that it was originally owned by a circus man who couldn't manage the payments. The truck was re-possessed, and Rich's father bought it from an old local Waynes-



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There are others in the mix, including their 2012 Ford F-550 rollback tow truck, the 1999 red "Old Faithful" truck, and their current project, a navy blue 1987 Ford Ranger

STX that's being re-built, and of course it has a "Once upon a time" story.

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# TRICK OR TREAT, SHARE SOME TREATS! AT THE CARMICHAELS TRUNK OR TREAT

By Tracy Horne

Certainly no one will say, "I got a rock!" at the upcoming Trunk or Treat event that will take place on October 27, 2024, at Wana B Park in Carmichaels, organized by Legendary Conventions. Plenty of delicious Halloween goodies will be provided by businesses and individuals; it's the sweetest part of Halloween!

Dave Plavi and his wife Katy formed Legendary Conventions LLC to bring more activities into the area - by locals for locals. Dave shares that folk from Greene County often must travel to neighboring counties to enjoy the same activities that Greene County citizens and businesses can offer themselves. This is the fifth year Trunk or Treat has been brought to the community via Legendary Conventions.

While there is a lot of work that goes into providing large events such as the Trunk or Treat, it's worth it. The event continues to draw folks and provide them a safe family friendly place to take their children. The first two years the event was held at the Skyview Drive-In, but it quickly outgrew that space, and, with the drive-in closed, the event needed a new location—Wana B Park.

Dave gives tons of credit to the people who help make events such as this event a success. Without donations and countless volunteers, the Trunk or Treat would not be entering its fifth year. Some of the people who take part are the local fire and police departments, the park and recreation department and students from Carmichaels High School, among many others.

Last year, the Wild Thing from the Washington Wild Things made an appearance - he was a big hit! This year, there will be food trucks and a Jumbotron...plus lots and lots of delicious treats!

Legendary Conventions hosts other

local events as well. This September, they are hosting a pop-up drive-in at the Nemaocolin VFD. The free event features a film and concessions inside the fire hall, and all proceeds benefit the Nemaocolin VFD. Legendary Conventions has also hosted Waynesburg Toy & Comic Expo, Legendary Con, and several other events.

Dave and Katy have a heart for the community they serve and feel that providing opportunities for friends and neighbors to spend time together is an asset in any community. They truly believe that it takes a village!

They also recognize that without the help and dedication that they have found within the county that they would not be able to hold such large events and want to take this opportunity to put out a huge thanks to those who take part by being a volunteer or by donating to any of the events they host.

So, on October 27, 2024, from 3PM to 5PM, take your family to Wana B Park in Carmichaels and experience Trunk or Treat. Visit the food trucks and enjoy a time of fun and community! And again, be assured... No one will get a "rock." Happy Halloween!



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# SOMETHING IS AFOOT AT JEFFERSON VFD

To quote Shakespeare, "There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." For those interested in those otherworldly things, the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company is the perfect place to visit in October.

On October 4 and 5, The Fayette County Bigfoot Research Project (FCBRP) is hosting a Bigfoot seminar at the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company. The second annual event is non-profit, and all money raised by vendor fees, 50/50 tickets, Chinese auction, food sales, etc. will benefit the fire company.

If you are interested in learning more about Bigfoot, stop in and check out the fun, family-friendly event. In the meantime, FCBRP member and expert Bob Scholz shared some information about Bigfoot. He explains, "there are many definitions of Bigfoot, from an ape-like creature, alien, interdimensional being and more."

He also mentioned that there have been many Bigfoot sightings in Greene County and they will be discussed at Bigfoot event.

The Bigfoot event will feature a roundtable discussion with researchers and investigators. Among the speakers are: Bigfoot investigator Dan Hageman, paranormal investigator Aurora Swanhilde, founder of the Ohio Bigfoot Research and Investigation Center Mike Hartman, Greene County's own paranormal investigator and author Kevin Paul, and founder East Coast Bigfoot Researchers Organization of Virginia (ECBRO) Daniel Benoit.

"The speakers will discuss Bigfoot, other cryptids, the paranormal, and UFO's."

On Friday, October 4, locals can share their experiences with and sightings of Bigfoot from 6 to 9 PM. Saturday, October 5 will be the main event with food, vendors, and guest speakers. There will be no alcohol on the premises, as the event is for families.

There are around 4,000 members of the Fayette County Bigfoot Research Project. Most members first became interested in Bigfoot after hearing about him on tv shows or having their own experiences. The research

project investigates reports of sightings throughout southwestern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio. In addition to research and discussion on Bigfoot, the group also raises money for non-profit organizations and puts on presentations for scout groups, libraries, etc.

Bob Scholz stresses the Bigfoot Project is a no-kill group that is just trying to get good information about Bigfoot out to the public. He mentions people should not judge others for seeing or hearing a paranormal event. "There are a lot of strange things in this world, and Bigfoot is just one of them."

Once, even Dr. Jane Goodall was asked about whether she believed in Bigfoot and responded, "I guess I'm romantic. I don't want to disbelieve." She went on, "Maybe it's a spiritual creature. The closest I come when I think about 'what could be' is like the remnant of Neanderthals." Goodall continued, "I think to have an element of mystery in life is very, very important."

Has this piqued your curiosity? Are you interested in learning more? Attend the Bigfoot event in Jefferson and support your local community members and organizations. Follow The Fayette County Bigfoot Research Project on Facebook to stay up to date on this event, and other events they will hold in the future.





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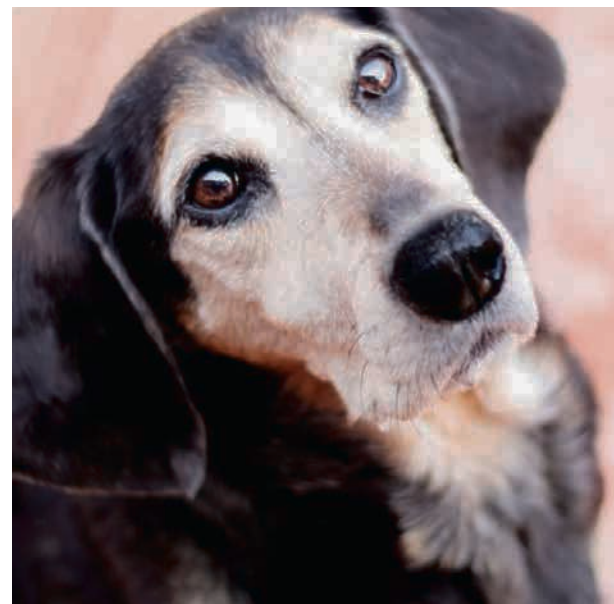
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## KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE During Animal Safety & Protection Awareness Month

Animal Safety and Protection Awareness Month started to help humans and animals coexist in a more ideal manner. It is a month for reflecting about how we affect and interact with surrounding wildlife, as well as thinking of ways to incorporate more animal-friendly practices into our everyday lives.

For many of us, our pets become family members. They live in our homes and become a part of our everyday routines. This is a perfect time to acknowledge the best possible practices when caring for our indoor pets.



### Regular veterinary exams

Check-ups are always suggested to keep your pet up-to-date on necessary immunizations and vaccinations. It is also very important to have a medical professional look over your pet to check their teeth and their body score at least annually. Keep your vet's contact information listed in an obvious place, such as your refrigerator, in case someone other than you needs to assist your pet in an emergency.

Checking your home for toxins  
 Many household cleaning items, foods, and plants are toxic to our pets. The Humane Society of the United States website gives a clear list of foods and plants that are considered toxic to pets. There is a separate article on their website that supplies information about how to keep your pet safe around cleaning supplies. Visit [humanesociety.org](http://humanesociety.org) FMI.

### Spay and neuter

Spaying and neutering your pets decreases the population of unwanted animals, helping already-overfilled animal shelters. Spaying and neutering your pet also reduces their drive to run and can lessen the chances of them straying. It helps to decrease the risk of certain types of cancers in dogs. As an bonus, the elimination of these hormones in pets could help alter certain unwanted behaviors in the home.

Make sure that your pet is identifiable  
 Have an up-to-date, clear photo you can easily share if your pet is lost. Talk to your veterinarian about getting your pet microchipped and be sure that your contact infor-

mation stays updated if you move or change phone numbers. Most low-cost vaccine clinics offer microchipping at their events as well.

### Disaster preparedness

Preparing for disaster includes building a kit with water and food, medications, a leash and harness, an updated photo of you with the pet, a blanket and a crate or carrier.

If you have to stay home to ride out a blizzard or some other event, be sure that you have your pet's foods and items back stocked the same way you would keep extra canned items for your family in the pantry, just in case. Most importantly, having enough water stored for your family plus your pet cannot be overlooked. A golden retriever-sized dog can drink up to half a gallon of water every day.

If your plan involves leaving your residence, you will need to have a bag with your pet's belongings already packed and ready for travel, a 'go bag' you can easily grab and take with you to get on the road.

Lastly, in the event of a fire in your home, a family should have an escape plan drilled from every room of the house so that everyone in the home agrees. This plan should designate one person to get the pet on the way out of the home as quickly as possible. If it is not possible to get the pet out of the home safely, wait for first responders to arrive to assist you. You can stand a safe distance away from the building with the door open and call your pet's name, but it is never safe to re-enter a burning building.

Fire Captain Todd Snyder of Jefferson Fire Department confirmed that his crew will

By Emily Capule



walk around a home and specifically look for pet stickers in windows that detail how many pets are in the home which can help his team know to look for pets inside. Furthermore, the Jefferson Fire Department is specially trained in animal CPR and pet safety so they can attend to a pet that has been injured, stabilizing it before it is taken to an emergency hospital. Many local fire departments also carry oxygen masks specifically fitted for pets so life-saving oxygen can be supplied on scene for a pet who has suffered smoke inhalation.

### Breakaway Collars

For dog owners, knowing the dangers of wearing traditional dog collars in the home is something that most people do not think about. But when PetSmart reports that 26,000 dog strangulations from collar accidents occur every year; it is not something that can



be ignored. Break away collars are the safest way to ensure that your dog can wear their ID tags but have the collar snap off if it were to get hooked onto something. Leash of Love is a Pittsburgh-based company who sells a protective collar system if you want to shop local while renewing your pet's safety collection.

### Hunting Season

Last, for pet owners big and small, indoor and outdoor, hooved and pawed, hunting season is always a time for extra pet safety and diligence. Wearing orange, keeping your animals inside during the first few days of hunting season and keeping your dogs on a leash is a smart way to avoid the commotion. Horse owners can use orange sheets or orange ribbons tied into the manes and tails to distinguish their animals. Of course, communicating with anybody who is hunting near your pastures so that they can know your routine and where your animals will be is the best way to ensure that everyone is aware.

For anyone who does not own their own pet but would like to be involved in pet care, volunteering with a local shelter, fostering an animal, or fundraising for a rescue are all great ways to be involved.

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# PARACON IN GREENE COUNTY AT THE GREENE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



Get ready for the Greene County Paracon, coming in November 2024! The convention, centered around all things paranormal such as ghosts, aliens, cryptids, and more, is being hosted by the local paranormal investigator team Outsider Paranormal SWPA and the Greene County Department of Recreation.

"The event came from the excellent working relationship we have developed between ourselves and Bret Moore over the last couple of years, with area interest in the paranormal growing. We want to bring a day of speakers, authors, researchers, and investigators to the area, as well as support area vendors," Outsider Paranormal SWPA's Damon Keys says.

Speakers at the event include local author Kevin Paul, researcher/author Brian Seech, Agents of the Unexplained Research Group founder and paranormal researcher Bill Rigby, researcher/author Tony Lavorgne, author Christie Soltis, and hosts Outsider Paranormal SWPA. The speakers will cover topics ranging from ghosts, Bigfoot, and aliens to local Greene County paranormal legends.

The evening will conclude with a paranormal investigation with Outsider Paranormal SWPA; the investigation has limited availability, so reach out now if you are interested. Those interested in becoming a vendor

can also contact [outsiderparanormalswpa@gmail.com](mailto:outsiderparanormalswpa@gmail.com); spaces are \$25 each.

The Paracon will be held on November 23 from 10am to 5pm at the Greene County Fairgrounds. It's free to attend, but donations are appreciated.

"All donations will go back to local projects and programs of the Department of Parks and Recreation."

So, come out to enjoy a family-friendly day of speakers, vendors, food trucks and more at the Greene County Paracon. It's the perfect opportunity to meet some of your favorite paranormal investigators and researchers!

"As for Outsider Paranormal SWPA, we remain active in the SWPA area, helping local families and businesses with their haunts and doing charity ghost hunts throughout the spooky season."

If you are interested in working with Outsider Paranormal SWPA or need help with your own haunting situation, reach out to them through their email, or find them on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

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# PIG FEST RETURNS TO CARMICHAELS

By Morgan Marisa

Each year, the beginning of Fall brings a heartwarming wave of excitement and nostalgia for the activities and events that accompany it. Colored leaves blanket lawns, decorations are dug out of attics, and the air fills with scents of pumpkins, apple cider, and... cabbage? With the Carmichael Pig Fest returning this October, all sorts of tasteful aromas are bound to be enjoyed with cooking contests and activities for all ages, including the annual pigs-in-a-blanket cook-off.

Originating in 1997, the first festival was organized by Carmichaels Borough Council President Joyce Bokot Peccon with the goal of bringing an ethnic type of festival to the community. The initial event included a polka band, pony rides, and a hot air balloon.

In the eighteen years since then, the festival has been hosted and organized by various organizations within the Carmichael community. This year, Wana B Park will be throwing the beloved festival. Although the entertainment has varied slightly over the years, the event has remained a heartfelt occasion in the community.

"Growing up in Carmichaels every fall, we always looked forward to the first weekend in October to be able to taste great food and have the community come together for a day of fun and activity," said Barbie McMinn, the Events Director for Wana B Park.

At the center of the event is a community favorite - the pigs in a blanket contest. This friendly competition involves contestants cooking up their best version of the classic

Polish dish. While some Americans associate mini hotdogs wrapped in croissants with the dish name, the contest is actually for Halupki, also referred to as stuffed cabbage. Halupki recipes typically entail cabbage encasing rice along with beef or pork, hence its popular nickname. The dish was originally chosen as the staple contest as they are claimed to be a popular comfort food in the Carmichael area.

The event will also feature a rib cook-off for meatlovers to show off their skills. Anyone is welcome to participate in either or both of the cooking competitions, no matter what level of experience. The dishes have historically been judged based on taste, texture, and appearance with prizes in store for the top three winners. Local craft and food vendors will also be present, along with a pumpkin patch, bounce houses, a DJ, and a live band.

"My favorite part of this festival is getting to try all the different variations of pig in the blankets," added McMinn. "This is just an all-around fun and great family event."

Thanks to the generosity of organizations around Carmichael throughout the years, Joyce Bokot Peccon's original dream of the festival has been kept alive, bringing almost two decades of cultural fun to the area's families. To contestants whose parents and grandparents passed on their recipes, the event and dish it centers around connects them to the generations that came before them.

Join in on the fun at Wana B Park on October 5th from 11 a.m. to 4p.m.



The Carmichaels Pig Festival was previously held in the Carmichaels town square.

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# ARE YOU READY FOR MORE GHOST STORIES?

AUTHOR KEVIN PAUL RELEASES THIRD PARANORMAL BOOK, *POLITICS AND THE PARANORMAL*

Over the past two years, author Kevin Paul has been working on his follow-up book to his popular paranormal accounting of Greene County, Pennsylvania. His first novel, 2018's *Haunted Hills & Hollows*, written with co-author Rosemary Ellen Guiley, was an Amazon bestseller, as was its sequel, *Haunted Hills & Hollows II*, released in 2021. Both books, published by Visionary Living Publishing, explored the history of the area, paranormal activity, and eyewitness accounts of strange occurrences in the area.

Set to release in October 2024, *Politics & the Paranormal* in Greene County continues sharing the paranormal events in this corner of Pennsylvania. Kevin elected to go the self-publishing route with this book, parting with Visionary over amicable differences: "Originally this was to have been *Haunted Hills and Hollows III*, but I was unwilling to gut the final chapter. I'm working on the concept of a fourth book, which may become *HHH III*."

Kevin believes that we're constantly surrounded by the spirit world by entities which we either cannot see, refuse to see, or only catch glimpses of. We view everything through a materialistic lens which has skewed both science and Western religion, interpreted written records of history with a contemporary world view.

"[T]here is considerable misrepresentation and exploitation of not only the spirit world but those in the paranormal subculture who fork over a lot of money unnecessarily. The spirit world has become a prepackaged commodity, and there is a 'keeping up with the paranormal Joneses' mentality that requires expensive gadgets and travel to research or experience the unknown," Kevin says. "Like food on the table, the spirit world is best experienced locally. One doesn't need deep pockets to learn of the spirit world. What is needed is a patience, willingness to learn, learn correctly, and learn carefully. One does not find that in paranormal entertainment."

Heather Moser of *Small Town Monsters* perhaps summed the new book up best: "Various supernatural phenomena from time slips to UAPs are covered within these pages as the author invites the reader to seek out and follow the common thread that may tie it all together."

For this new book, Kevin had to get outside of his comfort zone in coming to terms with werewolves, entities such as what the Irish call the Sidhe, and time slips, which are sudden

brief glimpses into the past or future. Some of the encounters described are personal experience.

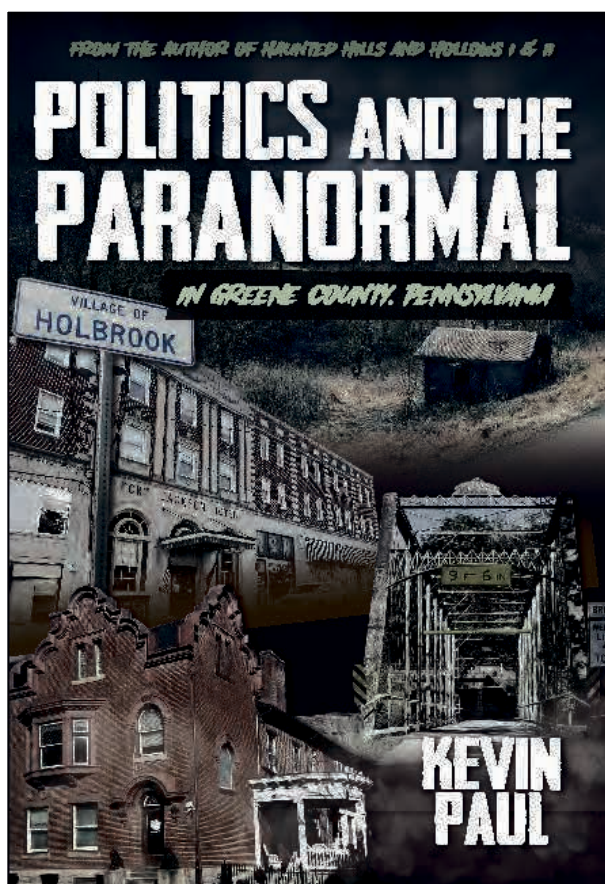
"Luckily, this is Appalachia, and my spiritual world view is old school, which helps considerably when I find myself outside the box. It was interesting to discover several witnesses to a series of UFO sightings near Holbrook in 1973. I was surprised to learn I knew several of them but sadly some have passed. Had I known then what I know now, I would have tried to get their stories."

Equally interesting was finding potential links between modern day reports of apparitions and the well-known Downey House fire from the 1920s. Kevin used eyewitness accounts and historical records; two intuitive individuals who are skilled in retrocognition also assisted him.

"Neither of them are local, nor were they familiar with the demise of the Downey House; yet they produced some remarkable information."

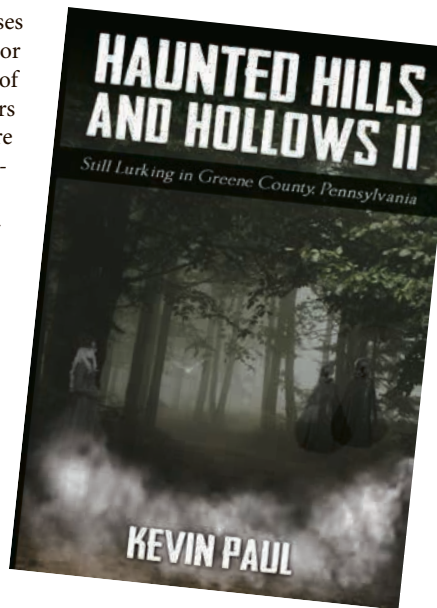
He also discovered eyewitnesses that had similar experiences to those described by researchers such as John Keel, Ted Phillips, and others.

"It was also gratifying to discover a possible link between a reported werewolf and a well-documented historical site in western Greene County. In my opinion, this project, like the two before it, confirms once again that we have it all super-



naturally speaking here in the corner of the Keystone State." "Greene County is a remarkable place, with an untold and equally remarkable history, which includes true stories of the unexplained. Opinion, theory, philosophy, dogma, attitude, and values skew much of that history - in other words, politics."

*Politics & the Paranormal* should release in October 2024 and will be available on Amazon and elsewhere. The paperback will be released first, followed by the Kindle version. No decision has been made regarding an audio version.



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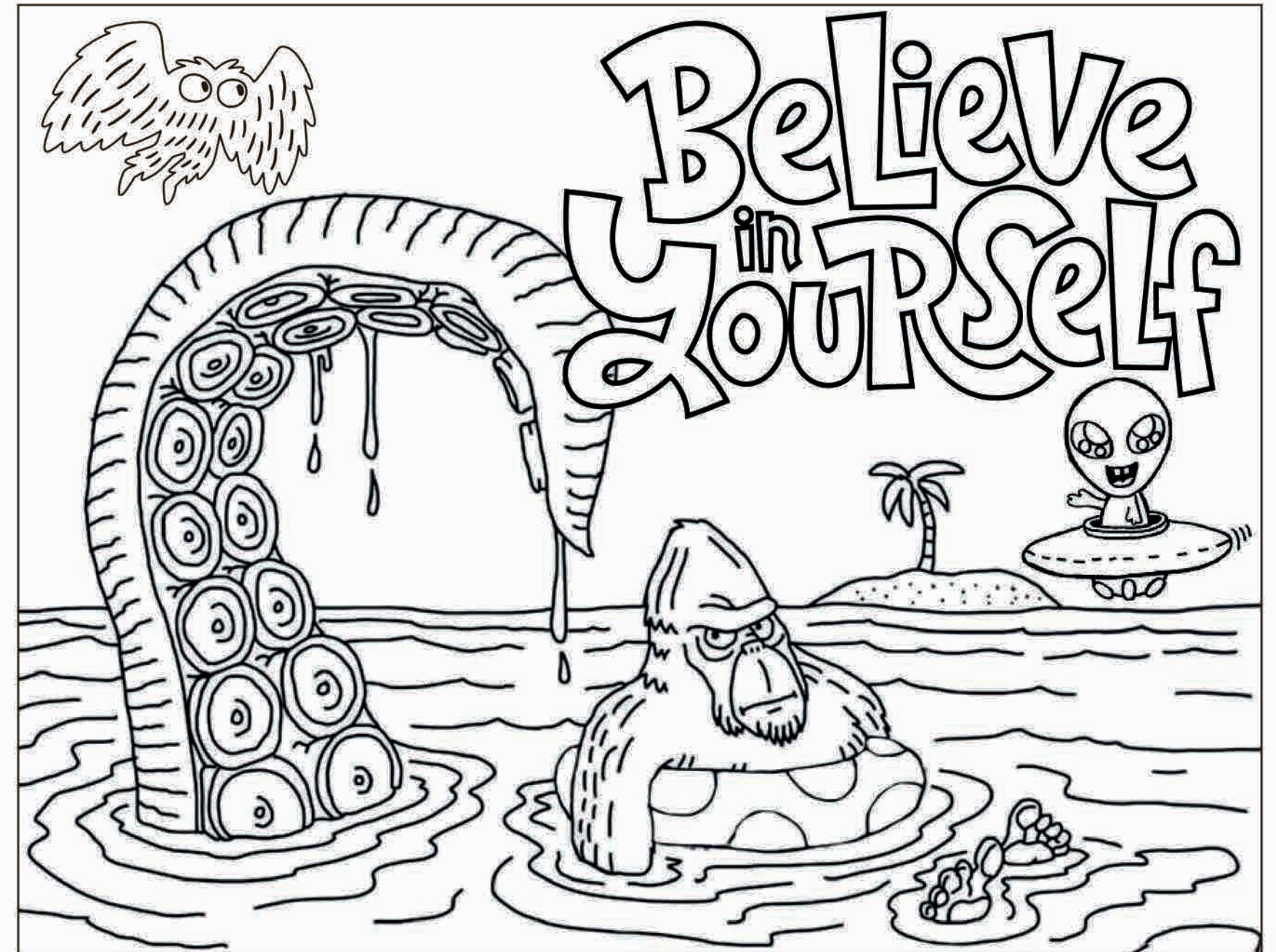
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