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I Love this Community — GIVING A LIFT TO AREA VETERANS

By Colleen Nelson

“All you have to do is call and say, ‘Hey, I’m a veteran and I need a ride!’” Volunteer driver Marine Vet John Ross said with a grin.

We’re standing by Greene County’s new transport system van with the national DAV logo on the door: “Keeping our promise to America’s Veterans.” Behind us is Waynesburg VFW Post 4793, where this newest free transport to doctor and hospital appointments parks when not on the road.

Ross and Army Vet Beranger “Bryan” Nemal are the drivers that this Disabled American Veterans program depends on for travels to the Veterans Clinic in Washington County, University Drive Hospital in Pittsburgh and H. J. Heinz Hospital in Aspinwall.

“We just got this van a few weeks ago from the District DAV and are getting the word out to all our local veterans that the ride service is back.”

DAV’s original transportation van sat unused during the pandemic when doctor appointments switched to zoom, and hospital visits were limited to emergencies, Ross explained. After the pandemic, the old van was officially retired, and the search was on for grant money to replace it.

Now it’s a matter of getting veterans back on board, letting them and their families know that these free transports are tailored to accommodate their busy lives. No more waiting all day for the last afternoon appointment to be finished before heading home.

“Our schedule is Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for morning appointments and Thursday is for afternoons. You can catch the van here, at the Waynesburg Burger King, or we’ll make arrangements with county transportation to have you picked up if that’s what you need.”

Veterans can bring family members, friends, or aides with them for the free ride to appointments because, “We drop them off at the door but don’t go in with them,” Ross said. The new 12 passenger Ford Transit Van is “much more safe, comfortable and accommodating. We’re here for those who don’t want to drive. We’re here for those who need us.”

What the DAV transportation service itself needs is more drivers, Ross noted. “You don’t have to be a vet to drive. Anyone with a valid license and insurance can apply. If you don’t mind driving to Pittsburgh a few times a week and can pass the physical and the background check, call the Veterans Affairs office.”

“I decided to be a driver when I stopped by the Waynesburg office [in the basement of the County Office building] to pick up a medallion and flag for my dad’s grave, and they asked me,” Nemal said. “But we really need three drivers, maybe more, because I’m retired and travel in the winter months. If you’re able and want to help veterans, I hope you give us a call.”

The public will get to see the DAV van in action when it joins the Veterans Day Parade on November 9 in Waynesburg. *For more information about using the DAV Transport Van or to become a driver call 724-852-5275.*



Left: DAV drivers John Ross and Bryan Nemal are ready to take local veterans to their medical appointments.

Are you a veteran needing a ride to your appointments? Take advantage of the new Greene County DAV transport van!

- All van riders must be Greene County residents..
- The van goes to Pittsburgh and Washington and is open Monday-Thursday.
- Monday to Wednesday is for early/morning appointments, and Thursdays are for later appointments. The van picks up veterans at 7am at Burger King parking lot in Waynesburg.
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MEET THE NEWEST VETERANS OFFICE STAFF MEMBER READY TO ASSIST YOU!

Other improvements have been added to the Veterans Office in Greene to make it easier for veterans to receive the information and care they need. “The VA Office is very excited to have our new clerical staff member Patience Eddy to greet our veterans and help them with the applications for the benefits they are entitled to,” Director Kathy Cipic said. “Her dad is a vet, and she’s already learned about some of the benefits that her own family didn’t know about until she told them. What she is learning is so important to be shared in the community. If you’ve come to volunteer as a driver, Patience will be able to give you the information you need.”

“We want to thank the commissioners for helping us increase our staff with Patience. It really helps with the workload that my county veterans service officer Renee’ Imhoff and myself are busy doing every day. We’re here to help you Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call for an appointment if you’re able.”



Right: Kathy Cipic and new staffer Patience Eddy at the Veterans Affairs Office in Greene County are connecting veterans to the services they need.

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The 8th Annual Bowlby Library Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk and 1K Children's Fun Run will be held on Saturday, November 23, beginning at the library's gazebo. The Turkey Trot is a morning filled with fun events for the whole family and is a major fund raiser for the library.

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EVENTS WILL GO OFF IN THIS ORDER:
 9 AM — the 1K Pet Walk. All pets must be on a leash and will receive bandanas.
 9:15 AM — the 1 K Children's Fun Run for kids 12 and under.
 9:30 AM — the 5 K Walk.
 9:45 AM — the 5 K Run. Awards will be given to the top 3 male and female walkers/runners in each age category.

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided as well as other children's activities inside the library while the parents run or walk in the race. You may register for each event at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Waynesburg/EvaKBowlbyLibrary5KTurkeyTrot> or at the library. Registration costs are \$15 for the Pet Walk and the Children's Fun Run, and \$25 for the 5K Run/Walk. Each participant will receive a T-shirt. If you are unable to participate in person and would still like to donate and receive a T-shirt, you can register as a "pardoned turkey" and your shirt can be picked up at the library after the race. The award ceremony will be held after the race at the library's gazebo.

In addition to the races, there are 50/50 drawings and a silent auction with many gift baskets. Last year there were 188 participants, and the library is trying to beat that record. So, lace up your running shoes and help them break 200!



Cool at School: West Greene School District By Charles Zgela

On October 9th, 2024 at noon, West Greene School District cut the ribbon officially opening their new story stroll to students. The story stroll is a series of 18 plaques built by Mr. Snyder's high school classes with the help of Mr. McDermitt for placement.

West Greene School board member Leean Danley explained, "Mr. Painter and Mr. Gaydos helped me to determine the location of the story stroll and each stand. Mrs. Jessica Bisset placed the orders for the materials. The students from a couple of Mr. Snyder's classes in the high school helped to assemble the stands and install them in the spring and fall of 2024."

Each plaque contains two pages of a children's storybook with activities. Leean, along with a team of elementary teachers such as Miss Jacobs, Mrs. Bohon, Miss Pinto, and Ms. Whitlatch, helped to select the books and prepare the activities and questions for each book. Over the summer, Mrs. Lana Miller painstakingly laminated each page. Each month, the book chosen will be different to inspire literacy and collaboration at the school district whilst enjoying the outdoors. Leean, along with Melissa Ullom, applied for the Intermediate Unit 1 Innovation Grant

and the West Greene Innovation Grant to fund this project. West Greene School board members approved the grant application and the project.

In front of the second grade class, Miss Danley remarked, "Once again, we would like to thank the Intermediate Unit 1 Innovation grant program, the EQT Foundation, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, and the Equitrans Midstream Foundation for funding this project."

The goal of the story stroll is to inspire literacy for all students, as the entire country, not just Greene County, is facing a national literacy crisis. Another goal for the stroll is to promote collaboration in the school district. Leean remarked, "After opening the story stroll, we hope that additional collaboration between students, teachers, and board members will continue to take place. In the future, we hope to feature student work in the story stroll."

Other than school staff and board members, County commissioners Jared Edgreen and Betsy McClure took part in the ribbon

cutting ceremony. Commissioner Edgreen stated, "This is truly amazing. I want to thank our teachers, grant writers and administrators so that we and our children can truly thrive as a county and a school district. We are trying to be a voice for this county, for our students and our schools."

This month's book for the stroll is The Biggest Pumpkin Ever written by Steven Kroll and illustrated by Jeni Bassett. This story is about two mice who care for the same pump-

kin but at different times. Both mice discover they care for the same pumpkin and decide to work together to grow the biggest pumpkin ever. A retired West Greene teacher, Mrs. Sophie Haines, designed and compiled the activities and questions for the book; she is currently teaching in Mexico.

You can check out the storybook stroll for yourself by visiting the West Greene School District.



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Social connections are essential for veterans to maintain their mental, emotional, and physical well-being. Building and maintaining relationships—whether with fellow veterans, family members, or the broader community—helps reduce isolation, manage stress, and build resilience in everyday life.

Thanks to organizations like Together With Veterans, local veterans can access resources and opportunities to foster these connections. Whether veterans seek to reconnect with old comrades, strengthen family ties, or engage with their community, prioritizing social bonds is key to living a fulfilling and healthy life after military service.

All veterans and their families are invited to join us on Saturday, November 9, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Greene County Fairgrounds, Building #10, for a free pancake breakfast. This event is a chance to enjoy a delicious meal while catching up with other veterans, fostering camaraderie, and sharing stories in a supportive and positive environment.



Pam Marisa, committee chair for the breakfast and a member of the Together With Veterans steering committee, emphasizes the value of these moments: "It's a fun and positive experience for our veteran community. We hope everyone can come out and enjoy the day together."

Veteran Tom Boyd, a long-time attendee, looks forward to the breakfast every year. "I always enjoy the food, the stories, and reconnecting with old friends," he says.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to strengthen connections and celebrate the spirit of community. See you there!

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Honoring OUR VETS

Stanley E. Hennen & Ira L. Husk

In this newspaper clipping reader Jo Hoy shared, it shares a unique story of two Greene County servicemen, starting when they entered service in May 1945.

"T/4 Stanley E. Hennen, left, and T/4 Ira L. Husk, right, left for service at the same time, have been together ever since induction [at Fort Knox, KY], and [are] now in an armored infantry battalion near Frankfurt,

Germany. Both have been used as mechanics and instructors [in] mechanical school near Darmstadt, Germany. Both recently received T/4 rank. T/4 Hennen's wife, Mrs. Kathryn Hennen, and small son, Bobby, reside at Waynesburg, R.D. 5. T/4 Husk's wife, Mrs. Jeanette Husk, and children Joetta and Kenneth, reside in Spraggs, R.D. 1.



Feeling Alone this Holiday Season?

You Are Not Alone.



The holidays can be challenging, leaving some feeling isolated. We want you to know you're loved and supported. Join us for a Free Evening of Celebration and Joy! Let's come together to lift each other's spirits, share warmth, and embrace the holiday cheer. Whether you seek companionship or just want to get into the holiday spirit, this event is for you.

Together, we can make this holiday season a little brighter. Come as you are - you are welcome here!

Join us Monday, December 23rd from 5 pm - 9 pm

3 LOCATIONS:

The Denny House & Carriage House
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HOLIDAY OF HOPE OPEN HOUSE

A Heartfelt Invitation to Share Joy and Community

As the holiday season draws near, many people experience feelings of isolation or disconnection, even during a time that is meant for celebration and happiness. To help lift spirits and strengthen community bonds, several local organizations are joining forces to host the "Holiday of Hope" Open House.

On Monday, December 23rd, from 5 pm to 9 pm, three venues will welcome everyone for an evening brimming with delicious food, socializing, caroling, games, crafts, gift-giving, and plenty of fun. The event aims to unite people and remind them that they are cherished and supported, especially during the holiday season. Event details:

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

Each location provides a distinct atmosphere, yet they all share the same goal of fostering a welcoming space where everyone feels valued and included. Whether you're seeking to savor delicious food, join in festive activities, or connect with others, the Holiday of Hope Open House has something for everyone to enjoy.

At the Way, people can engage in various activities that embrace the spirit of Christmas and bring the community together. The event will quietly honor the gift given to all of us through the birth of Jesus, and our hope is to ensure that no one feels alone during this time of year. Guests will enjoy a warm and inviting atmosphere where they can participate in activities

at their own pace. Stations will offer the chance to create a craft, share memories of Christmases past, play games, or join in singing a Christmas carol.

The evening will be rounded off with meaningful conversations over a bowl of soup, and guests can take a cookie to enjoy on the way home.

The Denny House invites you to experience an old-fashioned Christmas, where the spirit of Miss Denny makes everyone feel welcome. Enjoy a festive evening featuring a hot chocolate bar, delicious appetizers, cookies, one-act plays, holiday readings, Christmas carols, music, and guided tours of the beautifully decorated Denny House. Rumor has it that both Santa and the Grinch will make special appearances throughout the night. Don't miss this enchanting holiday celebration!

The First United Methodist Church warmly invites you to a special evening at the Waynesburg First United Methodist Church. Join us as we come together to sing cherished Christmas carols, sharing the joy of the season with one another. The evening will conclude with a brief but meaningful Service of Hope.

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.

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Public Service Profile

By Morgan Marisa

GREENE COUNTY HONOR GUARD

While most of the American population is fortunate enough the closest they will come to conflict and war is through the safety of a television or phone screen, millions have had to face national and international troubles face-to-face on foreign grounds. Properly caring and paying tribute to those who have risked or lost their life to keep the nation safe is essential. Thanks to organizations like the Greene County Honor Guard, our veterans remain respected and celebrated.

The members of the Honor Guard can be found taking part in all local military ceremonies, parades, school visitations, and all veteran funerals. One of their primary missions is to assist all veterans and their families by performing in the official veteran burial ceremonies.

"I am very proud to execute final rites at veteran burials and to help veteran families in need," said Martin Wilson, the Commander of the Greene County Honor Guard. "I am thankful for the continuation of my military service in this aspect."

Wilson has been the commander since the organization's inception in 2016 when it was formed from veterans of various Greene County organizations, including the Waynesburg VFW, Waynesburg American Legion, etc. The Honor Guard is based out of the Waynesburg VFW Post 4793. Generous volunteers still compose the backbone of the organization.

"The members include volunteers from all veteran organizations," said Wilson. "We are always welcoming new members to join our cause, because a good many of our members are getting up in age."

A wide variety of military personnel comprise the Waynesburg VFW Post 4793. It includes members from all branches of the service, as well as an ordained minister from the Air Force and an

Army Major who leads the funeral services.

Members also become active during military-related holidays, including Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Veterans Day, among others. They also participate at various events around the community when needed or requested. An Honor Guard member also leads the Pledge of Allegiance at all Greene County Commissioners Meetings.

If you are interested in helping or getting involved with the Honor Guard, donations are always welcome and appreciated. Support can additionally be shown by attending Honor Guard functions around Greene County. The simplest way to show support to local veterans and active members is to be part of community efforts and events that aim to assist them physically, financially, or mentally.

Last year, thanks to the kind donations and contributions from the community, the organization is now able to travel to and from events free of cost on an Honor Guard minibus that's used for all transportation.

Find events sponsored by the Honor Guard and related local military groups on their Facebook group "GREENE COUNTY VETERANS CLUB / VFW POST 4793 WAYNESBURG PA". Stop by the Waynesburg VFW on Sunday mornings from 8:30am until noon for a nice breakfast or try your luck in one of their frequent raffles. There are plenty of ways to thank those who served to keep America safe.



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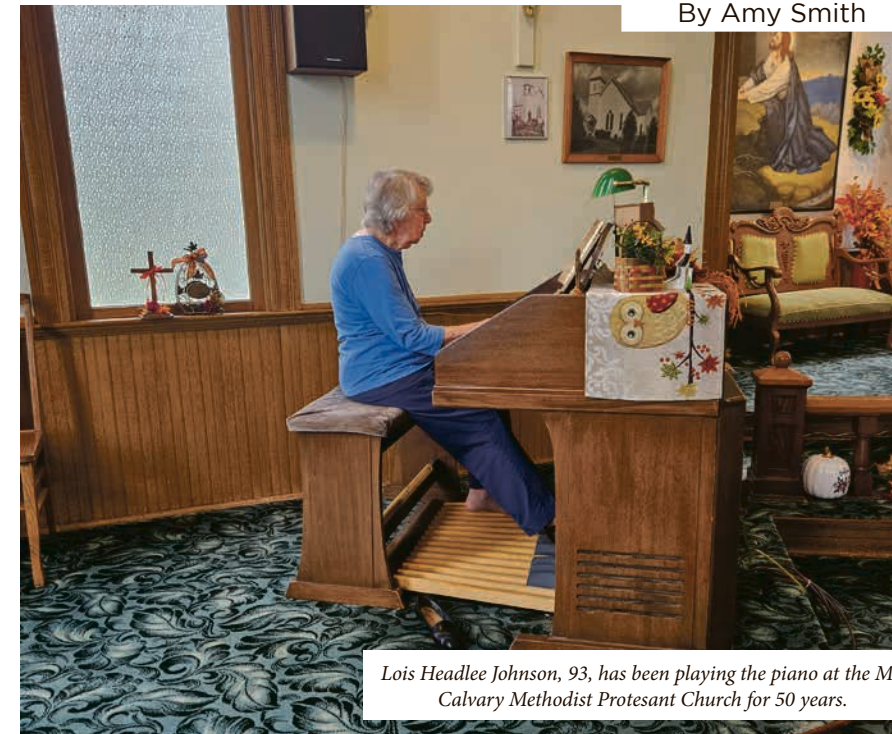
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50 YEARS OF MUSIC & DEDICATED SERVICE

By Amy Smith



Lois Headlee Johnson, 93, has been playing the piano at the Mt. Calvary Methodist Protestant Church for 50 years.

According to the October 6, 1906, Methodist Recorder, "The Mt. Calvary Methodist Protestant Church, Garards Fort, Greene County, Pennsylvania, was dedicated Sunday, September 23 (1906), by President Spahr, of the Pittsburgh Conference. It is a handsome frame structure 36x42 feet, with a seating capacity of 225. It has a metallic ceiling, beautiful chandeliers, amber glass in the plentiful windows, opera chairs, a neat pulpit, with upholstered pulpit furniture, and a beautiful copy of the Bible.

The building has a commanding position and the deed calls for nearly an acre of ground, giving room for hitching-posts as well as for a parsonage."

"I was raised in this church," Lois Headlee Johnson, 93, revealed one recent Sunday morning before services at what is now known as Mount Calvary United Methodist Church.

Lois' parents, Russell and Edythe (Strosnider) Headlee, had both been very active at Mount Calvary, attending every Sunday with Lois and her four siblings in tow. Russell regularly attended General Conference and served as lay speaker. Edythe was the church pianist for several years.

In 1960, Mount Calvary purchased a Gulbransen electric organ. Edythe taught herself how to play it and, thus, was Mount Calvary's organist for several years. When she and Russell moved to Waynesburg, daughter

Lois, by then a wife and mother herself, took over the responsibility. Like her mother before her, Lois had taken piano lessons, then taught herself to play the Gulbransen.

"When I came to church on Saturdays to clean, I practiced. I just kept after it until I caught on to it, I guess," Lois said with a shy giggle.

Getting Lois to talk about herself is a challenge. Quiet and soft-spoken, she is just too humble to consider herself newsworthy. But that's just her opinion!

"I adore Mrs. Johnson!" fellow parishioner Wilma Juracko gushed. "I love her so much...and I'm so grateful. I call her 'Miss Mount Calvary.' She's been here so long and has given so much."

Given indeed! Johnson has been the church's organist for fifty years - and she still uses the same Gulbransen organ that was purchased in 1960!

"It is just such a blessing to have this wonderful woman playing for us so faithfully every Sunday," says parishioner Pat Walkos.

Lois was married to the late Clarence Johnson, and together they raised five children: Kathy, Keith, Dale, Donna, and Susan. A grandmother of four, and a great-grandmother of six, Lois enjoys quilting, needlework, baking cookies, reading, and tending her flowers. Don't ask her to name her favorite hymn, though: "There's too many to choose from."

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Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, *GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*
IT'S RADIOACTIVE! URANIUM GLASS

How many of us have a unique shade of green glassware lurking in our cupboards, perhaps on display in a cabinet or hiding out unnoticed somewhere around our homes? Quite a few people do! Sometimes, this is a very special type of glass - uranium glass.

In the late 19th century, it was common to add uranium to a glass mixture to give the glass an interesting color. It would often be a shade of green or yellow, though sometimes it was mixed with other additives to achieve a pale blue color. This was especially common in the 1880s and 1890s.

Throughout the early 1900s, right until World War II, uranium was a common additive in glass. However, the war ended the uranium glass market, as all the uranium was being used for the war effort. After the war, few companies took back up the old habit because the dangers of radiation were becoming more well known. It also wasn't cost-effective to make. There still are a handful of manufacturers making uranium glass even today, especially in the form of small decorative items and lamps.

While there is uranium in uranium glass, it is in such small amounts that it doesn't pose a risk to humans. Uranium glass is now a favorite collectible for many, thanks to its interesting color -and the fact that while exposed to black light, uranium glass will glow a bright, light green color, even in the daytime. Cabinets are often outfitted with UV black lights to display uranium glass, making for an interesting display in the home.

The small collection shown in this photo is on display in the front parlor of the Greene County Historical Society Museum and contains pieces such as small cups, a bowl and a decorative kerosene lamp that all date to the late 19th century. A few other small pieces of uranium glass are on display throughout the room as well.

Wondering if some of your own glass pieces might be uranium glass? Or are you ready to look for your own uranium glass? Keep an eye out for glass of a strange green color and bring a small black light flashlight to check glass on display. In addition to uranium glass, other glasses - including selenium, cadmium, neodymium, manganese, and others - will also glow different colors under black light.

Keep an eye out on our website and Facebook for information about our upcoming Christmas Open house, and for information on our 2025 season! Next season will be an exciting year for the Greene County Historical Society as we will celebrate our 100th birthday as an organization!



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Going Greene: A REGION OF THE UNKNOWN

By Matthew Cumberledge

Famously, local author Kevin Paul's book, *Haunted Hills and Hollows: What Lurks in Greene County Pennsylvania* makes the claim that Greene County is the single most Haunted County in America. This is a claim that many who have spent their time living in this area would vehemently agree with! Greene County is filled with local legends and lore that are well covered in Kevin's book and its sequel *Haunted Hills and Hollows II*.

But Greene County is part of a larger region, and what sorts of other paranormal things are going on in the area at large? To find out, let's head south a little into Marion County, WV, and get digging into something West Virginia is well known for - cryptids! A cryptid is a creature or animal that is claimed to exist, but there is no proof of its existence. Bigfoot is a solid example of a cryptid. West Virginia has many cryptids. One West Virginia cryptid is Ogua, a creature once said to lurk around Rivesville and Hoult, just outside of Fairmont, WV.

Ogua, over the years, has been called the Hoult Monster or the Rivesville Monster and was first encountered in 1745 by a family living along the Monongahela River. It is said that a large turtle-like creature with two heads pulled underwater, and presumably ate, a young boy fishing. It was estimated that Ogua weighed at least 500 pounds. The Native Americans in the area had warned settlers of the creature's ferocious nature.

Since then, there have been several sightings of Ogua, even as recently as 1983, when a coal miner settled along the river to do some night fishing. Shortly after casting his line out, the water churned intensely, and a serpentine form rose out of the water. Then two monstrous heads, each the size of a basketball, rose from the water, followed by a giant turtle shell with a large whipping tail. The coal miner stared in disbelief, and soon the giant creature sank back into the water.

What is this creature that has been sighted so many times over the generations in the Monongahela River near Rivesville? Is it a

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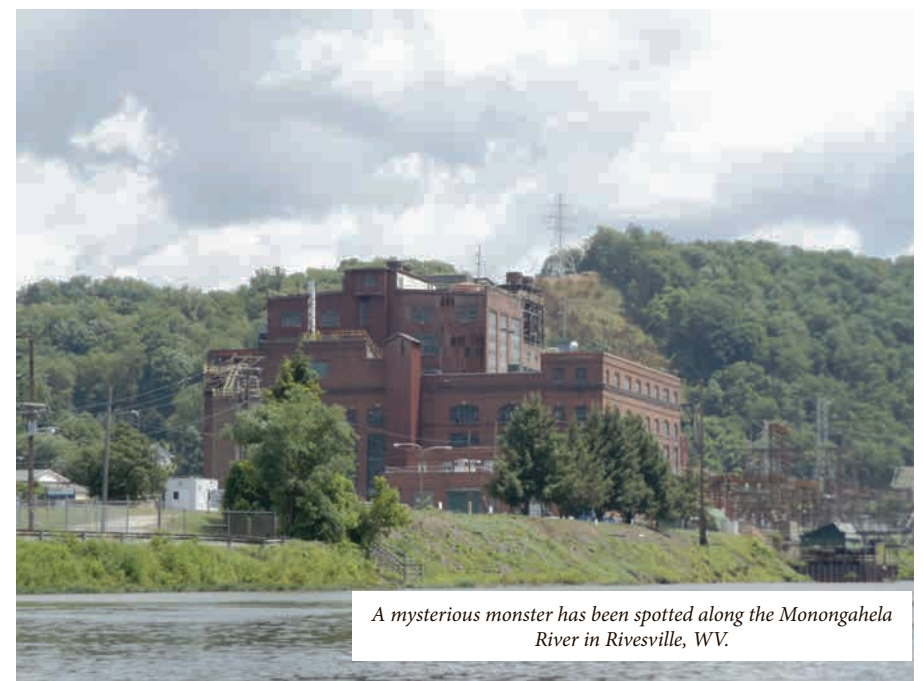
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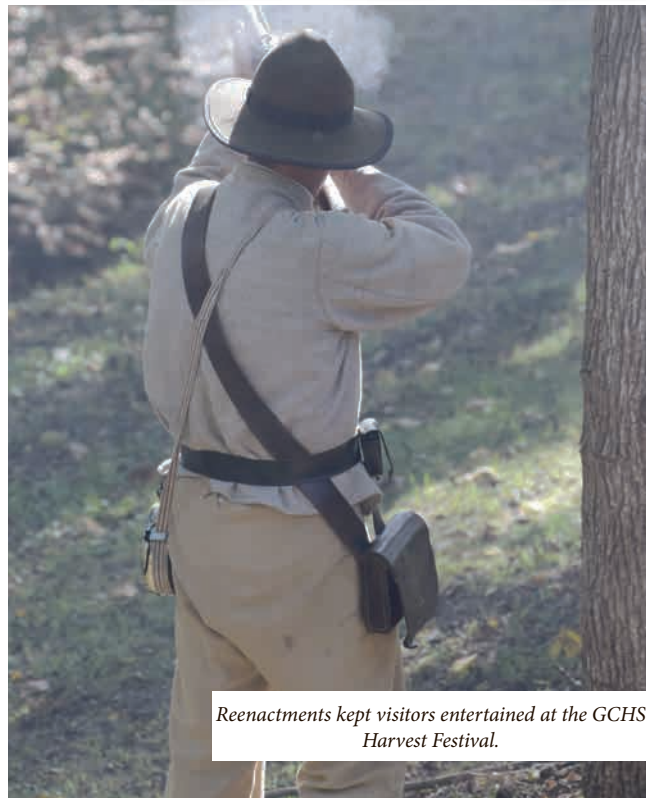
A mysterious monster has been spotted along the Monongahela River in Rivesville, WV.

figment of the imagination? Exaggerated stories? Or is there indeed something unknown lurking in the depths of the Monongahela? Perhaps we will never know for sure.

Kevin's books are very easy to come by, and it's also very easy to search the *GreeneScene's* archives for all things paranormal we've written over the years. Simply go to

<https://greenscenemagazine.com/>, click on the search icon, and enter keywords such as "paranormal," "haunted," "ghost," or any other topic you wish and all past articles related to that subject will come up in a list. There is a lot to see and read - Greene County is the most haunted county in America, after all!

Recent Events in Greene & Nearby



Reenactments kept visitors entertained at the GCHS Harvest Festival.

WU's Symphonic Band Holds Fall Concert Featuring Video Game Music

Waynesburg University's Symphonic Band performed a concert on Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the Marsh Center. This performance was one of two concerts the symphonic band performs during the semester. The concert was free and open to the public.

This year, the Symphonic Band performed selections

from video games and anime. Some of the featured pieces were from "Halo," "Kingdom Hearts," "World of Warcraft" and "My Neighbor Totoro."

"We prioritize making good music and having a good time doing it. We want our students to learn how to be good musicians and how to present different styles of music to the public," Eric Brewer, director of the Music Program, said. "[It's] lots of fun, and the band is excited to perform."

The Symphonic Band meets twice a week during the semester and performs at least four concerts each academic year. The band is comprised of music majors and students from other academic disciplines on Waynesburg University's campus. Students learn standard band music as well as popular music from American culture.

The GCHS Museum Hosts 53rd Annual Harvest Festival

October 5 and 6 proved to be amazingly beautiful days to hold the Greene County Historical Society's 53rd Annual Harvest Festival – cool crisp mornings turned into wonderfully sunny, early fall days.

The festival opened at 10am Saturday morning, and visitors were greeted by Civil War encampments, food vendors and craft vendors as well as a host of demonstrators in and around the museum.

Spinning and weaving Demonstrations were happening on the second floor of the museum. Corn meal grinding was an interesting thing to behold for many of our local visitors, and Native American reenactors demonstrated a sundry assortment of examples of prehistoric technology.

On Sunday morning, at 10am, a church service was held in the Historical Society barn by the Reverend Donald Wilson.

Around lunchtime, visitors had several options, such as What's Smokin' BBQ, Vesta 88's new Pop Up Food Vendor, Megaladon Café (a newcomer to our event and this area) and of course the Warrior Trail Association was here with their amazing bison burgers, and new menu item, elk hot dogs!

Craft vendors offered items such as hard tack candy, various baked goods, fresh local honey, jewelry, different sorts of handmade crafts and much more!

At 3pm each day, the most exciting part of the event took place! A battle between the North and South happened in the clearing along Coal Lick Run below the Museum. Co H, 31st Virginia "Barbour Grays" of Philippi, WV represented

the Confederate Army, and Co A, 140th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (historically a unit that was recruited in Greene County during the actual Civil War) portrayed the Northern Army.

This year was definitely a fun filled event, however, next year will FAR surpass any Harvest Festival that we have ever held here at the Greene County Historical Society as 2025 our organization will turn 100 years old, and that will definitely require an extra special celebration!

Local Queens Attend Queen Advocacy Day

The inaugural Pennsylvania Fair Queen Advocacy Day was held recently in Harrisburg at the State Capitol. The 2024 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen, Erica Teagarden from Claysville, Washington County and the State First Alternate, Elise Honeycutt from Erie County, joined 25 county and community fair queens from across the Commonwealth. The young women had one-on-one meetings with their respective



Local fair queens attended the first Fair Queen Advocacy Day.

Annual Touch A Truck Event Held

The First Baptist Church of Waynesburg held their annual Touch A Truck event in September. Children and adults of all ages had a great time exploring the big vehicles, enjoying ice cream, and participating in other activities. Free t-shirts were given to attendees 12 & under, to help them remember the fun all year around!

This year celebrates 13 years of Touch A Truck in Waynesburg. For 13 years, children have gotten up close and personal with many types of large vehicles, including construction and first responder vehicles.

Attendees can get close to and even climb inside these vehicles. They also learn how these vehicles work, can ask questions, and sometimes they even get to sit in the driver's seat and honk the horn.

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

This year featured a new special guest; attendees could meet and say hello to the Pittsburgh Pirate Parrot. And, of course, get their picture with the parrot!

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



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Recent Events in Greene & Nearby



The WHS Class of 1969 held its 55th Reunion.



The WG Class of 1964 held its 60th Reunion.

WHS Class of 1969 55th Reunion Held

Pictured are... Row 1: Terry Dayton, Pete Anderson, Lena (Hawkins) Galving, Dora (Hawkins) Wolford, Liz (Bryner) Lord, Kate (Cowan) Trosky, Billie (Bryan) Wood, Carolyn Allison, Karen (Patterson) Eisiminger, Susie Jo (Fuller) Fristik, Fran (Cole) Troutman, Dan Morgan.

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Row 4: Mike Eddy, Miles Davin, Challen Matthew, John Cole, Rick Hun-nell, John Koast, Dan Head-

lee, Rickey Nicholson, Larry "Tuttle.

West Greene Class of 1964 60th Reunion Held

Pictured are... Row 1: Bob Strope, Walt Lohr, Connie (Tedrow) Schoeller, Judy (Gray) Headley, Joy (Carter) Ander-son, Caral (Robinson) Snider, Anna (Crouse) Silvia, Barbara (Jones) Swainger, Jim Watson.

Row 2: Elaine Householder, Janet (Iyon) Benvic, Karen (Cathers) Wildish, Rosemary (Guthrie) Andrew, Sue (Ely) Miller, Garrett Miller, Bill Orndoff, Robert Jarirs, Denny Nel-son.

Row 3: Larry Rizer, Bob Baker, Paul Isimenger.

WU Hosts Second Business & Communication Career Fair

Waynesburg University's Pathways Center hosted its second Business and Communication Career Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, on the third floor of the Stover Campus Center. A total of 81 students from various majors attended the fair.

"The goal of hosting this event was for students and local employers to make meaningful connections, whether that means underclassmen having a first introduction and gaining insight into the industry, upperclassmen exploring potential job and internship opportunities or anything in between," said Sam Pete, academic services coordinator at Waynesburg University.

Students had the opportunity to speak with representa-tives from a plethora of local employers who attended the event, including FBI Pittsburgh, BAM Advertising, the IRS, WOAY-TV, Gatrell Business Solutions, WJPA Radio, Schnei-der Downs & Co. and Holsinger, P.C.

Pete reported that most students felt more prepared after attending and would recommend attending this fair. She also offered advice to students who may want to attend a similar career fair in the future.

"Come prepared. It always helps to make a good impres-sion if you dress professionally, bring copies of your updated resume and conduct a little research ahead of time on com-panies that interest you to be able to ask more specific ques-tions about each workplace," Pete said. "Take it one table at a time and be yourself. This is not a formal interview setting; it's more of a series of casual, polite conversations and getting to know each employer."

House and Senate members, attended a House of Represen-tatives Agricultural & Rural Affairs Committee Meeting and heard from the Senate Agricultural & Rural Affairs Commit-tee Executive Director Lilly Guthrie. In addition, they had the opportunity to watch the Pennsylvania Senate hold Session.

Locally, along with the reigning State Queen, Erica Tea-garden, attending the Advocacy Day were the Greene County Fair Queen, Eryka Hackney, the Washington County Fair Queen, Faith Ealy and the West Alexander Fair Queen, Al-lee Hoover. The four royalty from Greene and Washington Counties had a unique opportunity to visit the Senate Cham-ber prior to the opening of Session and were introduced as part of Session by State Senator Camera Bartolotta.

The Advocacy Day was organized as a way to bring fur-ther attention to the importance of agriculture and fairs in the Commonwealth to our state legislators. The planning committee included the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program Director, Karen Dobson and the Pennsylvania State Associa-tion of County Fairs President, Martha Eber-sole.

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The Lloyd “Tag” Ross Memorial Scholarship Established at CFGC

The Lloyd “Tag” Ross Memorial Scholarship was established at CFGC by his daughters, Chawney Kaiser and Tiffany Simms. Tag, as he was known by his family and friends, was a 1984 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School, where he excelled as a baseball player.

Upon graduating HS, Tag entered the workforce and started working for Golden Triangle as a laborer. He worked for Golden Triangle until early 2024. Tag played slow pitch softball for many years, and this is when the bug bit him to get into coaching. Once Chawney and Tiffany were old enough to play softball, he took on the position of ‘coach’ where he was able to continue his passion for sports. For over 10 years, he coached softball players in Greene County, and was able to impact the lives of the girls he coached both on and off the softball field.

Tag loved sports and was adamant about what a young person could learn through participating in a team sport. It is with this in mind, knowing that Dad would have been excited that young ladies who participated in softball and were planning to pursue a post-secondary degree/certificate at a trade, technical, or business school, in addition to a two- or four-year college/university, could continue their educational dreams.

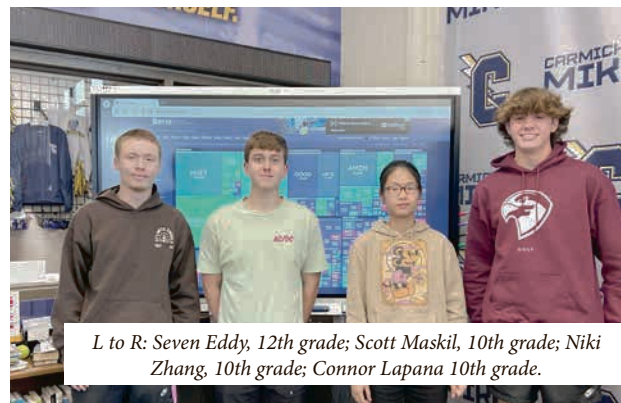
The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Greene County graduating high school student who participated in varsity softball. The recipient will be selected by the CFGC scholarship selection committee. Since this scholarship will be endowed in the future, it will live into perpetuity. The Community Foundation of Greene County will manage and invest the funds in its restricted endowment pool and distribute \$1,000 annually.

To learn more about the Lloyd “Tag” Ross Memorial Scholarship, or how to make a gift to the scholarship fund in his memory, contact the Community Foundation by phone at 724-627-2010, email at cfgcga@gmail.com or go to our website at www.cfgcpa.org.

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC), a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2000, is the central philanthropic vehicle in Greene County for donations of various types and sizes. CFGC currently manages over \$8 million in assets through more than 100 different endowed and restricted funds.

Carmichaels School District & CFGC Creates Investment Fund Endowed Fund

The Carmichaels Area School District, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Greene County, has created the Carmichaels High School Investment Club Endowed Fund to promote financial literacy and hands-on investing experience among students. The newly established program aims to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the world of finance, investing and the stock market.



L to R: Seven Eddy, 12th grade; Scott Maskil, 10th grade; Niki Zhang, 10th grade; Connor Lapana 10th grade.

The Carmichaels High School Investment Club Fund will serve as a sustainable resource for educating high school students, offering them unique opportunities to learn about managing investment portfolios, fostering teamwork and developing leadership skills. Open to students in grades 9-12, the club will guide its members through the complexities of responsible money management and investment strategies.

The endowed Investment Club Fund was made possible through the Forget Me Not Fund which is held at CFGC and whose purpose is to provide grants to support educational, civic, and charitable programs in Greene County. “Investing in the stock market requires knowledge and skills,” said one of the donors who established the Forget Me Not Fund. “You can’t obtain these skills by pretending

to invest. To use real money that you can lose might make you think more clearly.”

Annual distributions from the fund will be allocated by the Student Investment Club to recognized student clubs and organizations at Carmichaels Area School District, further enhancing their educational experiences.

“We are honored to have the opportunity to establish the investment club at Carmichaels High School. We are excited to put what we have learned and will learn as a group into action,” said Braden Christopher, a senior member of the Student Investment Club. “We’ll explore strategies for analyzing the stock market, using different methods to decide where to invest. Even though we won’t see the full impact of our efforts, our hope is that it will benefit future classes for years to come.” According to Christopher, the Student Investment Club is under the advisement of Mrs. Cassie Menhart. Mrs. Menhart will be supported by the team at Milinovich & Co, a Registered Investment Advisory firm, in Waynesburg, who will have oversight of the account. Representatives from Milinovich & Co will also be accessible for the students to help answer market questions that may inform the club’s investment decisions.

“Using real money to buy stocks emphasizes the necessity for research and knowledge in investing in the stock market,” said the donor. “Losing that money would be a hard lesson for a student, especially if it means they couldn’t ‘invest’ their earnings in a favored school project.”

For more information on how to support the Carmichaels High School Investment Club or other charitable opportunities through CFGC, please visit www.cfgcpa.org or contact Dave Calvario at (724) 627-2010.

The PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Scholarship established at CFGC Release

The Private First Class (PFC) Brent A. McClellan Memorial Scholarship was established at CFGC by Bonnie (Rager) Garverick and her husband Jim. PFC Brent A. McClellan was a 1963 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School. Born and raised in Clarksville, Brent was killed in action while serving his Country in Vietnam on February 27, 1966.

After graduating from Jefferson-Morgan, PFC McClellan enlisted in the Army on May 18, 1965. He completed his basic training at Fort Gordon, GA. He was a member of the Army’s 1st Calvary Division when he left for Vietnam.

During a recent trip to Greene County, and seeing the new bridge in Clarksville being named after PFC Brent McClellan, Bonnie and her husband decided to establish a scholarship in his name to

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recognize his sacrifice, and to support the educational aspirations of future Jefferson-Morgan High School graduates. Bonnie and Brent were HS classmates.

Bonnie was raised in Jefferson and moved to Cleveland, OH in 1963 after graduating from Jefferson-Morgan HS. It is in Cleveland that Bonnie met Jim Garverick and they married in 1968.

The scholarship recipient will be selected by teachers and staff at Jefferson-Morgan High School. One scholarship will award annually to a Jefferson-Morgan HS graduate who plans to attend a college or university, or trade school in PA, OH, or WV. Since this scholarship is endowed and will live into perpetuity, the Community Foundation of Greene County will manage and invest the funds in its restricted endowment pool and distribute \$1 ,000 annually to Jefferson-Morgan School District to award the scholarship.

To learn more about the PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Scholarship, contact the Guidance Counselor at Jefferson-Morgan HS for eligibility and selection details.

To make a gift to the scholarship fund in Brent’s memory, contact Community Foundation by phone at 724-627-2010, email at cfgcga@gmail.com or go to our website at www.cfgcpa.org.

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC), a private, non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization founded in 2000, is the central philanthropic vehicle in Greene County for donations of various types and sizes. CFGC currently manages over \$8 million in assets through more than 100 different endowed and restricted funds.

Waynesburg Lions Club Students of the Month September & October Announced

The Lions Club Students of the month for September are Joe Kirsch and Jaden Tretinik.

Joe Kirsch is the son of Melissa and John Kirsch of Waynesburg. He is a member of the Golf Team, Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Engineering Club, Physics Club, Leo Club and National Honor Society. He has carried a 4.0 GPA throughout high school. Joe has earned the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, The Challenge Program Perfect Attendance Award and the Leo Club Silver Award.

Outside of school Joe is a member of the Waynesburg University Jazz Ensemble and the All-county band. He has served St Anne’s church as a Religious Education Aide, Vacation Bible School Teen Leader and Church Lector. Joe has also volunteered for the Greene County Historical Society and Rain Day Festival. For the past several years he has worked mowing lawns and as an intern at M.R. Structures LLC. In his free time Joe enjoys restoring old cars and trucks and playing the



Joe Kirsch



Jaden Tretinik

trumpet and piano. Joe’s plans are to attend a four-year university and pursue a career as a structural engineer.

Jaden Tretinik is the daughter of Jimmy and Jennifer Tretinik of Waynesburg. Jaden has stayed very busy at WCHS. She is the president of art club, and the ski club. She is a member of alpha beta, student council, the hope squad, FFA, NHS, and the prom committee. Jaden is the secretary of the senior class. She has earned straight ‘A’s throughout high school.

In addition to her clubs, Jaden plays varsity soccer and track and field. She is a three time letterman in both sports. For the past three years she has been the Track and Field MVP and recognized as an All-County athlete. She was also All-County in soccer and serves as the soccer captain. Outside of school she also plays for the FC Alliance Soccer Club.

Jaden works as a lifeguard and as a youth soccer coach and referee. In her free time she enjoys boating and jet-skiing, attending sporting events, skiing, and drawing. Her plans are to attend UNC Charlotte and major in biology or chemistry and to later attend pharmacy school.

The Lions Club Students of the month for October are Bree Clutter and Jacob Stephenson.

Bree is the daughter of Keri and Terry Clutter of Waynesburg. She has earned a 3.96 GPA throughout high school. She has been a member of the WCHS Band, Track and Field Team, FFA, NHS, Soccer, Envirothon, Alpha Beta, and the WCHS Achievement Academy. Bree served as the Secretary of her Sophomore class. She is a two-year letterman in Track and a three-year letterman in soccer.

Outside of school Bree volunteers for youth soccer and track camps. She has also helped with the trunk or treats and does the makeup for school plays. Bree works a lot with kids. In addition to the camps, she babysits, works as a soccer referee, and a camp counselor for Greene County Parks. Bree’s plans are to pursue a degree in nursing and become a nurse practitioner. Bree would like to thank her teachers for helping her grow and her family for their continued support.

Jacob Stephenson is the son of Bob and Kristi Stephenson of Waynesburg. He has earned straight ‘A’s throughout high school. Jacob is a member of NHS, Student Council and is the Senior Class Vice President.

Going into his senior year, Jacob is a three-year letterman in both football and wrestling and a one-year letterman in baseball. He was chosen as a team captain for all four years in football and one year in wrestling. In football, he was selected as First Team All-Conference his freshman and junior years. He won a WPIAL Gold Medal as a member of the Championship Wrestling Team in 2022. Jake was selected as an All-County athlete 6 times- 1 baseball, 3 wrestling, and 2 in football. He is one of four Raider quarterbacks ever to throw for over 1000 yards in a season.

Outside of school Jacob attends the First Church of the Nazarene where he participates in the Crosswalkers Bible group. He also enjoys fishing and hunting with his friends. Jacob’s plans are to attend college and pursue a Bachelor’s degree in business.



Jason Stephenson



Bree Clutter

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Art Show & Gallery Naming Reception in Morgantown

On Sunday, October 20th 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. there will be an opening reception of the All-Member Show at the MAA Gallery in the Mountaineer Mall. Prizes will be awarded in four categories. MAA will be celebrating twenty years of the Gallery being in the Mountaineer Mall. The Gallery will be renamed the Witt Gallery in recognition of the service of Byron and Susan Witt to the Morgantown Art Association. The public is invited and light refreshments will be served. The All-Member Show will be on display until the first week in November. Many of the pieces of artwork are for sale.

Flashlight Drags Coloring Contest Winners



Top: Ryker Richards. Bottom: Regina Tuscano. Not pictured: Mavrick Richards and Molly Usher.



Cryptid Coloring Contest Winners

Group A: Ellie Whitlatch (Age 5)

Group B: Sicily Braden (Age 9)

Group C: Abigail Reagen (Age 18)



Sponsors were Mystery Finds, The Thrifty Mountaineer, & Cryptid Mountain Mini Golf

TRICK OR TREAT! AREA TIMES

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 Clarksville Borough trick or treat from 6 to 8pm Oct. 31 **is not verified*
 Cumberland Twp. trick or treat 3 to 6pm Oct. 26
 Dunkard Twp. trick or treat from 6 to 8pm Oct. 31 **is not verified*
 East Bethlehem Twp. trick or treat 1 to 3pm Oct. 26
 Franklin Twp. trick or treat from 5 to 7pm Oct. 31
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 Gilmore Twp. trick or treat from 6 to 8pm Oct. 31 **is not verified*
 German Twp. trick or treat on the trail at 12 40 4pm Oct. 19
 Gray Twp. *no available information*
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 Greensboro Borough trick or treat from 6 to 8pm Oct. 31
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 Morgan Twp. trick or treat from 6 to 8pm Oct. 31
 Morris Twp. trick or treat from 6 to 7pm Oct. 31
 Perry Twp. trick or treat from 5 to 7pm Oct. 26
 Pt. Marion trunk or treat 4 to 6pm Oct. 26, trick or treat from 6:30 to 8:30pm Oct. 31
 Rices Landing Borough Parade at 1pm Oct. 29, trick or treat follow 2 to 4pm
 Richhill Twp. trick or treat from 6 to 7pm Oct. 31
 Ronco trick or treat from 3 to 5pm on Oct 29 **is not verified*
 Springhill Twp. *no available information*
 Washington Twp. trunk or treat from 2 to 4pm at the Twp Park Oct. 26
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FCAA OFFERS FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYERS & RESIDENTS IN NOVEMBER

Fayette County Community Action Agency (FCCAA) is coordinating two different free trainings, one for employers and the other for residents in November.

The first training is being offered exclusively for interested employers located in Fayette, Greene, Washington & Westmoreland Counties. Entitled, "How to Thrive in an Intergenerational Workplace," the training will be held via Zoom on Thursday, November 7, from 10 am to noon. Discussion topics will focus on the aging workforce, human behavior and workplace culture, technology and processes.

Employers will learn about options to establish an environment of respect and inclusivity, prioritizing flexibility, dispelling generational stereotypes and tailoring communication styles. FCCAA is subcontracting with Westmoreland County Community College to host the training that is being paid for through a grant from the Hill-

man Foundation. To register and to receive a Zoom link for this training opportunity, employers are asked to call 724.430.6421 or email jhajak@fccaa.org

The second training opportunity is exclusive to residents of Fayette County. Participants will learn how to prepare and file basic income tax returns online, explore free online tax preparation filling sites and learn how to complete rent and property tax rebate forms.

This training is being facilitated by FCCAA's IRS-Certified staff and volunteer income tax preparers. This training will be held in-person on Friday, November 15, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Uniontown Senior Activity Center located at 137 North Beeson Avenue in Uniontown. To register for this training opportunity, residents are asked to call 724.437.6050 ext. 4276 or email lthresher@fccaa.org

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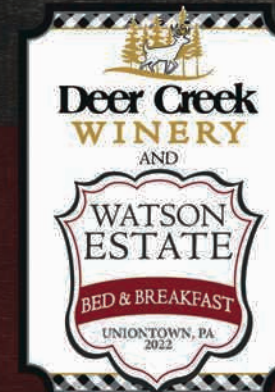
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE BECOMES WAYNESBURG'S CHRISTMAS ON HIGH STREET

The Waynesburg-Franklin Twp. Volunteer Fire Company is thrilled to continue the community's beloved annual tradition by organizing the former Holiday Open House event. Now called "Waynesburg's Christmas on High Street" and presented by EQT Corporation, the event will take place from 3 to 8 pm on Saturday, November 30, 2024, culminating in a festive Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 pm. While preserving popular activities from previous years, the fire company is also introducing fresh ideas, including a dazzling Fireworks Display presented by First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Greene County.

The tradition of local nonprofits lining Candy Cane Lane continues (Church Street)



during the event, and the Borough has allowed for the expansion onto Cherry Alley and further down Church Street. Contact Aaron at Growing Up Greene (growingup-greeneeco@gmail.com) if you are interested in having a table from 3 to 8pm that evening.



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Arts in the Community: A Great Resource for Greene County Artists



The Morgantown Art Association Gallery at the Mountaineer Mall in Morgantown is going through some changes as their September show winds down and October's All-Member Show is preparing to start. Members are picking up last month's featured art and dropping off this month's art to be judged in the annual show. This year's show is special—the opening reception, a section of the Gallery will be designated the Witt Gallery, honoring Byron and Susan Witt for their service to the association.

"The idea is to give people who are interested in art an outlet for creating art and for displaying art. And in doing all that, learning more about visual arts," says current MAA President Susan Dotson.

"For years, I was interested in watercolor, and I took a few classes in different places, but they really didn't take. When I retired, I pursued the interest. I took a class Susan Witt taught, and I enjoyed it," says Susan. "And she was so encouraging! I'd been taking the class for six or eight months and we did an abstract in class. And she said, 'Well, you're going to put it in the show, aren't you?' And I thought, of course not. But she talked about it to me some more and I thought, well, okay."

"I had a couple of things that I really liked that I did early on and it just sort of grew out of that. For me, now, it's as much social as it is pursuing art because it's a very interesting group of people and I've enjoyed getting to know a lot of interesting artistic people."

Susan Witt's impact on the MAA is felt in almost every account her watercolor students share. When PJ Bell retired in 2013, "I attended some classes with Osher Life

Learning Institute. One of the first classes I took was Susan Witt's watercolor class. I was hooked! Her positive feedback, talent, humor and passion for the subject made the classes a pleasure. Through Susan I learned about MAA and joined in 2014."

The Morgantown Art Association was founded in 1958 as an outgrowth of an art class for older adults offered weekly by the Monongalia County public schools. Funding for the classes ran out, and the enthusiastic students established the association to allow non-professional artists a way to continue their artistic endeavors.

Members of the newly formed MAA found locations at local businesses and churches to continue art classes and to display their artwork. The MAA spent ten years in the Garlow Building on High Street in downtown Morgantown before moving to a house on Kirk Street. Later, the MAA became an "in-house member" of the newly established Morgantown Art Center, in the former main Morgantown Post Office.

However, the Association's desire was always to have its own gallery. These desires were realized in 2004 when members such as Rose Gallagher, Susan Witt, and others worked hard to establish a gallery in the Mountaineer Mall. Members come from all over, including Pennsylvania - and Greene County!

The MAA has received grants that have allowed them to remodel their gallery and classroom to make them more attractive. An upcoming project is the front windows of the retail space. "[In the beginning,] they had tables, and it was not at all what it is now. I

think we have a really lovely facility, and it's a great place for people to come in, sit down and enjoy the art."

Most shows held at the Gallery are members-only—another benefit of becoming a member. Each year, there are three major art exhibits held at the Gallery: The All-Member Show in October, a photography show in March, and Exhibit 60, held in April and May. They also have seven monthly non-judged, themed exhibits, including their June miniature show and their Winter Holiday Show & Sale.

The highlight of these shows is the juried and judged Exhibit 60, showcasing the best works of art from their talented members and other artists living within 60 miles. MAA has held this prestigious event every year since 1958, except for 2021, due to the pandemic. "[Exhibit 60] is a way to recognize artists throughout the region, give them a place for displaying their art and perhaps attract people to join."

The MAA also takes part in Art at the Airport at the Morgantown Airport. Throughout the year, artists bring their art for display at the museum, culminating in their judged fall show with a special theme of "Balloons Over Morgantown". This show is currently on display at the airport.

"We are incredibly pleased with the attention [the shows] brought to our organization and the artists. Because people from the area see the art when they're picking up passengers or going to lunch at the airport. Some of them watch for us to say there's been a change in the art, and they'll go look at it. And then we've had people that are just passing through leave comments for us admiring the art."

Members also can enroll in art classes and workshops that are member-only, as well as others with reduced fees for members. Upcoming workshops over the next two years with renowned instructors, weekly watercolor classes for members, and monthly interest group Kappa Tau offer lots of chances to improve your skills and learn new ones. Kappa Tau is a learning and socializing gathering of MAA members, led by an MAA member volunteer, held either at the Gallery or a location of the host's choice.

"Kappa Tau is a time for members who don't feel they're experienced or talented enough to do a workshop. It gives them a chance to share something they've learned, a skill they have, or an interest that they have. The instructors are volunteers from the membership, and everyone's invited to come. And usually there's no cost for it."

The MAA is also looking to add more variety to upcoming classes and workshops, with shorter workshops, evening classes, different media, and more. "Over the years, we have limited our offerings and our membership to adults. We think that's the audience we want to reach, but we'd like to be able to offer classes and workshops to young adults, as well. As it is now, we're almost all retired, but there are people out there that have talent we'd like to help them develop."

For many members, the MAA has helped them get their art out to the public. Lisa Ryan, a member since 2021, started by taking classes with Susan Witt. The classes have given her the chance to practice and improve her painting under Susan and other renowned artists. "The MAA has helped me, as

it has given me a place to display my paintings in various monthly shows. I was honored to exhibit my watercolor and oil paintings as the Featured Artist in January 2023," says Lisa.

Hilary White became a lifetime member about five years ago. "Continuing education is crucial to growing as an artist and MAA has made that a priority. I enjoy the workshops, but I am most impressed by how welcoming and supportive the community of artists is. Everyone is generous with their time and effort."

And for most members, it's about more than just the ability to improve their skills. It's about the connections they've made as part of the membership. Andrea Schmidt, vice president and president for MAA from 1994 to 98, shares, "We had many great moments together. The artists were warm and very talented, and we supported each other... we all became good friends and encouraged each other to keep painting. I am still teaching and keeping the art going here in Southern Pines, NC, at 80, and my positive experiences with MAA have kept me engaged with art. I now teach Art Therapy, which has proven to be successful for my students."

Bell adds, "Giving local artists a place to learn and exhibit their work has enabled them to enrich our community. Members accepting people of all skill levels without judgment provides an atmosphere that is both creatively

fertile and encouraging. Being a part of this organization has allowed me to develop my creative side. Through MAA I have made long-lasting friendships and have enjoyed meeting an assortment of interesting people, while being exposed to the fascinating world of art."

The MAA is always accepting new members - and that includes members from Greene County. If you're looking to improve your skills, a gallery to showcase your art, and support from other artists, you're welcome at the MAA.

If you are interested in joining the MAA, visit morgantownartassociation.com to fill out a membership and pay your dues online or by check. You can mail them to the Gallery (Membership Chair, Morgantown Art Association, 5000 Greenbag Road, Morgantown, WV 26501) or drop them off in person. If you join the MAA from October 1 to December 31, both your 2024 and 2025 dues are paid with the initial payment. A lifetime membership option is also available, so you'll never need to pay dues again. The Gallery is open Monday-Fridays 11am-3pm and most Saturdays 10am-2pm.

For over sixty years, MAA has given creative individuals a place to share their love of art as well as their artwork. With the support and participation of its members, MAA will continue to thrive for years to come.



The MAA's location in Morgantown offers a spacious workshop area, with television's assisting students follow instructors during workshops.



The MAA's Gallery at the Mountaineer Mall features many local artists with art for sale.

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Intentional Walks ————— By Bret Moore

Panthers and Blackhawks and Mergers, Oh, My!

My recent columns on the origins of each County school's football program gave me a new perspective on a current issue. Walking among us are Center Township Panthers, Mt. Morris Blackhawks, Aleppo Pioneers, Richhill Ridgers, and even one centenarian in Nineveh who rooted for Morris Township High School teams. That made me think about my thirty-something son-in-law, who graduated from Albert Gallatin High School with no living memory of the German Township Uhlans or Fairchance-Georges Runners.

In other words, things change. As much as we would like for things to remain the same, when our personal nostalgia gets in the way of logical choices, we must face reality. Nobody loves the traditions and history of Greene County sports more than I do. However, it's time to have a serious discussion about what the future of education in the County looks like.

School district merger is not new to Pennsylvania. Beginning in the 1960s, a state-wide consolidation effort resulted in a steep decline from 2,277 districts down to 669. After another wave in the 1970s, the number dropped to 501.

During those times, Governors David Lawrence and William Scranton were motivated to push for consolidation because they felt the state had to do a better job of educating our youth in the face of the technology challenge from the Soviet Union. They both had the courage to disregard local objections for the greater good of the state and country. Unfortunately, legislation soon followed that entrenched the status quo, thus grinding fiscal and educational responsibility to a virtual halt.

In 39 states, including Pennsylvania, consolidation is an entirely voluntary matter with no mandatory consolidation language in state law. In states with voluntary consolidation, it is up to the school boards of each affected district and some state-level education officials.

A 2007 study that examined the optimal size for a school district in Pennsylvania found that economies of scale were achieved when districts reached around 3,000 pupils. Currently 323 districts out of the 500 districts in the state have an enrollment below that, including all five of Greene County's. We have a total of 4,800 students in the entire County (1,500 of which are in Central Greene).

Arguments for consolidation include potential cost savings, economies of scale, enhanced educational offerings and elimination of duplicate functions. However, few consolidations occur because there are deep seated local objections. First, there are union contract differences that can lead to difficult mergers of the workforces. Second, there may be different tax rates and debt levels that could be an impediment. And third, for many communities, the schools are often a source of local identity and pride, especially with athletic team loyalty.

Those obstacles to consolidation have been in play and have largely forestalled voluntary consolidations. They will continue to be in the forefront in any debates over proposed legislation to

mandate consolidations.

The present School Code empowers the Board of Directors of any two (or more) districts to adopt a resolution for merger. The resolution must only be adopted by majority vote. Once a resolution is adopted, the districts must file an Application for Approval with the PA Secretary of Education at which time the application would be placed on the agenda of the State Board of Education for review. The Board may permit other interested parties to file objections to the application. If an application is ultimately approved, the State Board directs the Secretary of Education to issue a certificate, officially creating a new district.

While this suggests the process is a fairly simple, straightforward approach, the reality is quite different. The Pennsylvania Economy League conducted an intensive case study in coordination with the Pennsylvania School Board Association and developed an extensive "checklist" for districts to review when contemplating merger.

The first step is the deliberation process to essentially understand the districts. What do the current and future enrollments look like? What are the demographics, and what will they look like in five years? What are the financial strengths and weaknesses of the districts? To conduct this step, it might be necessary to engage the services of an outside consultant to prepare a feasibility study.

Other factors to consider include geographic location, district policies, enrollment and course offerings, facility capacity and the ability to create a sense of community. After identifying any benefits which may result from a merger, local leaders and elected officials would need to agree on a comprehensive message and begin to promote it to the communities.

It is important to acknowledge there are substantial up-front costs during the initial investigations and feasibility studies, as well as legal costs to properly negotiate the merger. In addition, there are financial costs in re-negotiating employment contracts, reconciling teacher salaries, and unifying instruction materials.

Despite these obstacles, Pennsylvania does have an example of a merger success story in the Central Valley District – the only district to actually carry through a complete merger (2009). In that case, the newly formed district saw both financial savings and increased student success.

Central Valley is the end product of a merger between the Center Area and Monaca School Districts. The process

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involved the formation of an advisory committee, numerous public meetings, and community outreach programs. The district also commissioned two feasibility studies. Ultimately, the districts were able to obtain support from both district Boards of Directors. Both districts were facing declining enrollments. Courses were being cut due to low numbers. Monaca was looking at significant infrastructure costs and increasing taxes on an already over-taxed population. Merging the districts allowed for the equalization of millage rates and the ability to spread the cost of education. Following the merger, Central Valley was able to substantially reduce education costs. In addition, the merger made sense for educational reasons. Merger provided an avenue for more uniform instruction, the sharing of resources, and ultimately better student success. Results post-merger have shown increased student performance above the state averages.

In June of this year, Rep. Jesse Topper (R-Bedford) proposed legislation that would encourage districts to explore at least sharing services and possibly merging. It was unanimously approved by the PA House Education Committee. The bill would expand the scope of grants available for administrative partnerships and consolidation feasibility studies. This appears to be a rare bi-partisan issue, considering the minority report also noted collaboration among districts would improve our education system. The bill now goes to the full House.

After years of trying to trim the number of school districts in Pennsylvania, former Democratic State Senator, John Wozniak, reached a weary conclusion. "The hardest animal to kill in Pennsylvania is the school mascot." However, the Panthers of Rogersville and the Blackhawks of Mt. Morris prove that Pioneers and Raiders can replace treasured memories in a relatively short amount of time.

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Carson Hillsman is the son of David and Kate Hillsman of Carmichaels. The senior is active on the football, basketball and Esports teams. He is a member of the Leo Club, History Committee, and the band. Carson is also a member of the National Honor Society. He is a three-time Pittsburgh Half Marathon finisher. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends and plans to attend college to pursue a degree in medical imaging or sports medicine.



Pacey Pratt is the daughter of Preston and Paddy Pratt of Rices Landing. The senior participates in the Leo Club, Senior Standing Committee, Student Council, and Yearbook. Pacey plans to attend a four-year college to study graphic design. Beyond academics, she enjoys volleyball, artistic pursuits, and spending time with friends.



Owen Haught is the son of Rebecca and Daniel Haught from Waynesburg. He participates in soccer and track and field. Additionally, he is enrolled in the Greene County Career and Technology Center, focusing on Building Construction. Following his graduation, Owen intends to pursue a career in the construction industry, with the aspiration of eventually owning his own construction company. Outside of his academic commitments, Owen works for his grandfather and enjoys spending time with his friends and family.



Bryn Lahew is the daughter of Chay Lahew and Michelle Shannon of Waynesburg. Bryn has been cheering for nine years and is the 2024-2025 Cheer Captain. At school, she is the President of the Drama Club, president of the Student Council, vice president of Alpha Beta Club, and treasurer of the Senior Class. In addition, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Envirothon, Leo Club, Prom Committee, Youth Alive, Team Hope Squad, Spanish Club, and Yearbook. She is also the reigning 2024 Miss Rain Day. When she is not attending Miss Rain Day obligations, Bryn is at her studio, Immotion Dance. She has been dancing since the age of two and competitively since the 4th grade. She has won many awards, scholarships, and placements through her dance competitions. Along with dance awards, Bryn has also been awarded math, chemistry, essay, and scholastic achievement awards. She maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school while taking AP courses. Bryn's future plans are to attend either Penn West California or Waynesburg University to major in either Communication Disorders or Elementary Education.



Houston Guesman is the son of Timothy Guesman, Jr. and Megan Ostrich of Jefferson. Houston is a senior and has been named to the All-County and All-Conference football teams twice already. He also participates in basketball and golf. Outside of school, he enjoys fishing, hunting, and watching football. He plans on attending college to major in business and continue playing football.



Isabelle Bazzoli is the daughter of Dan and Jessica Bazzoli of Jefferson. She is an All-County volleyball player for the Rockets and also competes with the Morgantown Volleyball Club. In school, she is a member of the Spanish Club and Rockets Launching Leadership. She plans on attending WVU next year.



Mason Ansell is the son of Mike and Debbie Ansell of Holbrook. He is a sophomore and participates in football and wrestling. Mason enjoys hunting and fishing, as well as riding dirt bikes. He also helps with PA Announcing at home middle school football games for the district.



Gabby Tedrow is the daughter of Missy and Dirk Tedrow of Wind Ridge. She is a freshman and participates in volleyball and softball. In school, Gabby is a member of SADD, FFA, EAA, and the P20 group. She was nominated by the football team and elected by her class as the Pioneers' grade 9 homecoming attendant in 2024.



Junior Coltin Halbert has played football for three years. He is a letterman who anchors the line for the Maples at center and defensive tackle. Coltin also plays on the Maples' baseball team. He attends GCCTC for welding and also plans to obtain his CDL. In his spare time, Coltin enjoys weight lifting, hunting and fishing. He also works at Pekar's Smokehouse when his schedule permits. Coltin is the son of Kevin and Christina Halbert of Dilliner.



Sophomore Leah Williamson is the oldest of three daughters to Michael and Sondra Williamson of Greensboro. Leah has a 4.0 GPA. She is on the volleyball team, Academic League, Student Council, Interact Club, FBLA, Gifted, and is her Class President. Outside of school, Leah is a Lector at her church. She dances for Lanzi Academy of Dance, where she is a competitive dancer and trains with numerous professional choreographers. This December, you can watch her in The State Theater's production of the Nutcracker as the lead role of Snow Queen.

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Lucca Jellots :10 serve receive, Alaina McCollum: 10 digs, 18 assists; Emilee Bazzoli: 30 serve receive, 25 digs; Ava Wood:12 digs, 9 kills; Kaelyn Martos: 7 blocks; Aly Harris: 8 digs; Alisa Long: 17 digs, 13 kills, 8 blocks; Leighana Gooden: 15 assists; Isabelle Bazzoli: 10 kills, 9 blocks.

Jefferson Morgan 0 McGuffey 3
Lucca Jellots: 13 digs; Alaina McCollum: 15 digs; Emilee Bazzoli: 20 serve receive, 15 digs; Ava Wood: 11 serve receive, 12 digs, 7 kills; Alisa Long: 5 points, 9 digs; Leighana Gooden: 9 assists; Isabelle Bazzoli: 6 kills, 4 blocks.

Jefferson Morgan 1 California 3
Lucca Jellots: 7 serve receives, 18 digs; Alaina McCollum: 5 digs; Emilee Bazzoli: 21 serve receive, 23 digs; Ava Wood: 12 serve receive, 16 digs, 5 kills; Kaelyn Martos: 5 kills, 5 blocks; Alisa Long: 13 digs, 8 kills, 4 blocks; Leighana Gooden: 6 blocks; Isabelle Bazzoli: 4 kills, 5 blocks.

Jefferson Morgan 3 Geibel 0
Kelsey Vessels: 6 aces; Lucca Jellots: 5 digs; Alaina McCollum: 9 assists; Emilee Bazzoli: 4 ace, 13 digs; Ava Wood: 7 digs, 4 kills; Kaelyn Martos: 4 kills; Aly Harris: 7 digs; Alisa Long: 4 aces, 10 digs, 6 kills, 4 blocks; Leighana Gooden: 9 assists; Isabelle Bazzoli: 7 aces, 7 kills.

Jefferson Morgan 0 Greensburg Central Catholic 3
Lucca Jellots: 9 digs; Emilee Bazzoli: 11 serve receive, 12 digs; Ava Wood: 5 serve receive; Aly Harris: 4 digs; Alisa Long: 11 serve receive, 6 digs; Kierstyn Webster: 5 serve receive; Isabelle Bazzoli: 4 aces.

Jefferson Morgan 0 Carmichaels 3
Lucca Jellots: 11 digs; Alaina McCollum: 8 digs; Emilee Bazzoli: 21 serve receive, 14 digs; Ava Wood: 10 serve receive, 8 digs; Alisa Long: 7 serve receive, 14 digs; Isabelle Bazzoli: 4 aces, 6 kills.

JEFFERSON MORGAN VOLLEYBALL STATS

Jefferson Morgan 3 Uniontown 0
Kelsey Vessels: 3 digs; Mia Bertagnolli: 4 digs, 18 assists; Alaina McCollum: 6 digs, 1 kill; Emilee Bazzoli: 3 ace, 10 points, 18 digs; Ava Wood: 2 aces, 10 point, 9 digs, 2 kills; Kaelyn Martos: 5 digs, 9 kills, Aly Harris: 3 digs; Alisa Long: 1 aces, 7 serve receive, 26 digs, 12 kills; Leighana Gooden: 2 aces, 3 digs, 1 kills, 17 assists; Keirstyn Webster: 4 digs; Isabelle Bazzoli 3 aces, 6 digs, 16 kills.

Jefferson Morgan 0 Beth Center 3
Kelsey Vessels: 11 digs; Mia Bertagnolli: 2 digs, 6 assists; Alaina McCollum: 12 digs; Emilee Bazzoli 2 aces, 6 points, 13 serve receive, 15 digs; Ava Wood: 11 digs, 4 kills; Kaelyn Martos: 3 digs, 6 kills; Aly Harris: 5 digs; Alisa Long: 12 digs, 9 kills, 3 blocks; Leighana Gooden: 2 aces, 4 digs, 13 assists; Isabelle Bazzoli: 2 aces, 10 points, 4 digs, 8 kills, 3 blocks.

Jefferson Morgan 2 Carmichaels 3
Kelsey Vessels: 14 digs; Mia Bertagnolli: 4 digs, 5 assists; Alaina McCollum: 2 aces, 18 digs; Emilee Bazzoli: 1 ace, 15 serve receive, 30 digs; Ava Wood: 1 ace, 8 digs, 3 kills; Kaelyn Martos: 6 digs, 5 kills, 3 blocks; Alisa Long: 2 aces, 12 points, 15 serve receive, 24 digs, 2 kills, 7 blocks; Leighana Gooden: 3 aces, 5 kills, 9 assists; Isabelle Bazzoli: 1 ace, 6 points, 2 digs, 10 kills, 2 blocks.

Jefferson Morgan 3 Washington 0
Kelsey Vessels: 8 digs, 2 assists; Mia Bertagnolli: 2 digs, 7 assists; Lucca Jellots: 4 aces, 10 points, 13 digs; Alaina McCollum: 3 digs; Ava Wood: 3 digs, 5 kills; Kaelyn Martos: 2 aces, 3 digs, 3 kills; Alisa Long: 6 aces, 8 digs, 6 kills, 2 blocks; Leighana Gooden: 5 aces, 2 digs, 3 blocks, 8 assists; Keirstyn Webster: 4 digs; Isabelle Bazzoli: 2 aces, 6 digs, 9 kills, 5 blocks.

Jefferson Morgan 3 Mapletown 1
Kelsey Vessels: 3 aces, 8 points; Mia Bertagnolli: 18 assists, Lucca Jellots: 11 serve receive, 26 digs; Alaina McCollum: 9 digs; Emilee Bazzoli: 11 serve receive, 17 digs; Ava Wood: 6 digs, 14 kills; Aly Harris: 6 digs; Alisa Long: 7 aces, 11 digs, 11 kills; Leighana Gooden: 13 points, 9 assists; Isabelle Bazzoli: 5 aces 9 kills.

Jefferson Morgan 2 West Greene 3
Mia Bertagnolli: 5 blocks, 8 assists; Alaina McCollum: 11 serve re-



RECEIVING

Player	Catches	Yards	TDs
D. Dehoet (JM)	35	551	11
J. Grimes (WG)	12	342	3
P. Burns (WG)	12	312	5
J. Ricciuti (WC)	24	296	2
B. Yekel (C)	21	279	5
R. Baker (JM)	5	229	2
Z. Jiblots (WC)	18	184	0
T. Crouse (WC)	15	178	2
J. Bedilion (JM)	6	122	2
J. Gilbert (JM)	9	104	2
T. Howard (M)	4	93	0
H. Hamilton (WG)	16	90	0
D. Woods (WC)	4	80	0
N. Campbell (WG)	15	80	0
J. Orndoff (WG)	6	75	0

PASSING

Player	Yards	Attempts	Comp	TDs
H. Guesman (JM)	60	93	1,044	15
L. Allison (WG)	56	126	958	8
J. Stephenson (WC)	62	102	774	4
C. Bupka (C)	32	50	377	6
T. Crouse (WC)	12	31	86	0
A. Walker (M)	8	31	68	0
C. Vanata (M)	3	18	62	0
S. Yeager (M)	4	9	55	1
B. Evans (M)	4	8	33	2

RUSHING

Player	Attempts	Yards	TDs
H. Guesman (JM)	73	692	11
J. Stephenson (WC)	88	631	13
J. Woodward (JM)	86	559	4
H. Hamilton (WG)	68	383	1
C. Vanata (M)	50	282	1
B. Evans (M)	53	261	1
W. Murray (C)	44	225	0
L. Allison (WG)	42	194	2
J. Orndoff (WG)	45	191	0
C. Bupka (C)	35	178	0
T. Crouse (WC)	19	161	0
R. Tennant (WC)	45	144	3
Wilson-Jones (C)	9	111	2
Hewitt (C)	3	100	1
H. Truitt (WG)	26	89	0
C. Spitznogle (M)	12	86	1
A. Pettit (WG)	16	83	2
B. Brumley (WC)	33	76	1
C. McKnight (M)	16	75	0

SCORING

Player	TDs	2Pts	PATs	FGs	Safety	Total
Guesman (JM)	13	9	0	0	0	96
Stephenson (WC)	13	0	0	0	0	78
Dehoet (JM)	7	3	0	0	0	48
Brandon Yekel (C)	6	0	0	0	0	36
C Whyte (WG)	5	1	0	0	1	34
Hamilton (WG)	1	1	14	1	1	27
P. Burns (WG)	4	0	0	0	0	24
J. Woodward (JM)	6	0	0	0	0	24
Crouse (WC)	3	0	0	0	0	18
D. Taylor (WC)	0	0	18	0	0	18
J. Gilbert (JM)	3	0	0	0	0	18
R. Tennet (WC)	3	0	0	0	0	18
J. Grimes (WG)	3	0	0	0	0	18
L. Yeck (JM)	0	0	18	0	0	18
R. Baker (JM)	2	0	0	0	0	12
Ricciuti (WC)	2	0	0	0	0	12
L. Allison (WG)	2	0	0	0	0	12
A. Walker (M)	2	0	0	0	0	12
C. Spitznogle (M)	2	0	0	0	0	12
W. Murray (C)	2	0	0	0	0	12
Evans (M)	1	1	0	0	0	8
C. McKnight (M)	1	0	2	0	0	8
C. Vanata (M)	1	0	0	0	0	6
R. Tustin (WC)	1	0	0	0	0	6
B. Brumley (WC)	1	0	0	0	0	6
Wilson-Jones (C)	1	0	0	0	0	6
J. Bedilion (JM)	1	0	0	0	0	6
C. Bupka(C)	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hewitt (C)	1	0	0	0	0	6
Crowe (JM)	1	0	0	0	0	6
L. Rogers (JM)	1	0	0	0	0	6
Truitt (WG)	0	0	3	0	0	3
C. Shaffer (M)	0	0	0	0	1	2
D. Woods (WC)	0	1	0	0	0	2

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IN MEMORY OF JUSTIN STEPHENSON

When Waynesburg Central High School Athletic Director Chris MinerD walks around town, he proudly displays his Waynesburg Central gear supporting the Red Raiders. When people notice the shirt, they ask the normal questions about the teams and the student athletes, but one question always seemed to surface: "How is Justin doing?" Justin Stephenson left this world too soon after a four-and-a-half-year battle with cancer, but the legacy he left and the impact he had on the Waynesburg community holds strong.

"Justin Stephenson was the heart and soul of the [Central Greene School] District," said MinerD. "He always had his family and Waynesburg as his focus, and everyone always speaks highly of him and the way he interacted with students and co-workers alike."

The Stephenson family has had a long-standing legacy in the Waynesburg Central School District, with Justin's father, brother, and sister all competing in athletics at Waynesburg Central. Stephenson was a two-sport athlete for the Red Raiders, playing football and wrestling during his four years.

His coaches remember him as a hard-working athlete, whose unending determination and work ethic helped drive him on the athletics field. He would end up taking his talents to Westminster College, where he was a four-year member of the Titans football program, using that work ethic to help him move up the ladder.

"That boy was a barrel chested, strong kid," said former Waynesburg Central Wrestling Coach John Yates. "He was one of those guys that no one thought would be a great athlete, but he was absolutely a guy who achieved his full potential as a student athlete. With wrestling being my particular area of expertise, he may not have been considered a technical wrestler, but his work ethic won him a lot of matches."

"He was a hard-nosed player and was as tough as they come," added former Waynesburg Central Football Coach and teacher Dave Sarra. "As a player, he did things the right way and everything he did was at 100%."

That same work ethic that drove him on the athletic field once again motivated him in his professional life as he returned to the school district that gave him his start. He would quickly climb the district ladder, starting as a teacher and working his way to Athletic Director and eventually the middle school principal.

No matter his administrative role, Stephenson was always called back to athletics, serving as an assistant coach on the Waynesburg Central Football team and eventually becoming a coach in the Waynesburg Youth Football system. Because of his deep roots both in the district and the community, he had a special bond with the students like no other.

On the field, he used the same hard-nosed style he played with to help his players grow. He served as an assistant coach on Sarra's staff, and he used his experience to connect with the student athletes.

"He was a hard-nosed player and through that he knew how to get the most out of his athletes," said Sarra. "He was a young coach when he was coaching with me, and he was able to relate to his players and they related to him."

As he transitioned into an administrator role, he continued to connect with the student body, many of which grew up

with him in the Youth Football system.

"The way he dealt with students, he had a special bond with the entire district," said MinerD. "The kids grew up with him through his involvement in youth football and he looked at everyone else's kids as if they were his own. You could see his passion in middle school orientation and how he dealt with the kids, and he knew how to get across to them and gain their respect."

Whether it be as a coach or an administrator, Stephenson knew how to get the best out of his students and help them reach their full potential. He worked tirelessly to ensure opportunities for his students, even serving as both Athletic Director and Principal at the same time for a few years. He was respected by his students and co-workers for his loyalty and undying passion for the Central Greene School District.

"He was as good as they come as a principal," said Yates. "He was one of those guys you wanted to help. He never complained, and you never knew if he was having a bad day. I knew Justin in every phase of his life, as an eighth-grade student, a student athlete, a co-worker, a boss, and at the end of the day, he became my friend."

No matter what role he played in the Central Greene School District, the one thing Stephenson will always be remembered for is his loyalty to the Red Raiders. He was born and raised in Waynesburg, went to school and was a student athlete at Waynesburg Central High School, and ultimately made his way back to Waynesburg Central to spend the entirety of his professional career. He made a lasting impact on everyone he met along the way and his legacy will live on forever among the Red Raider faithful.

"The biggest thing I think of when I think of Justin was how loyal he was," said Sarra. "Family was always everything to him and if you ever needed anything at all, he was always there. Justin had so many good friends and he was a good friend to so many."

"There is no one more deserving of being honored than Justin," added Yates. "He has touched so many people in such a short life, and his legacy is one that will not soon be forgotten."

By Zack Zeigler



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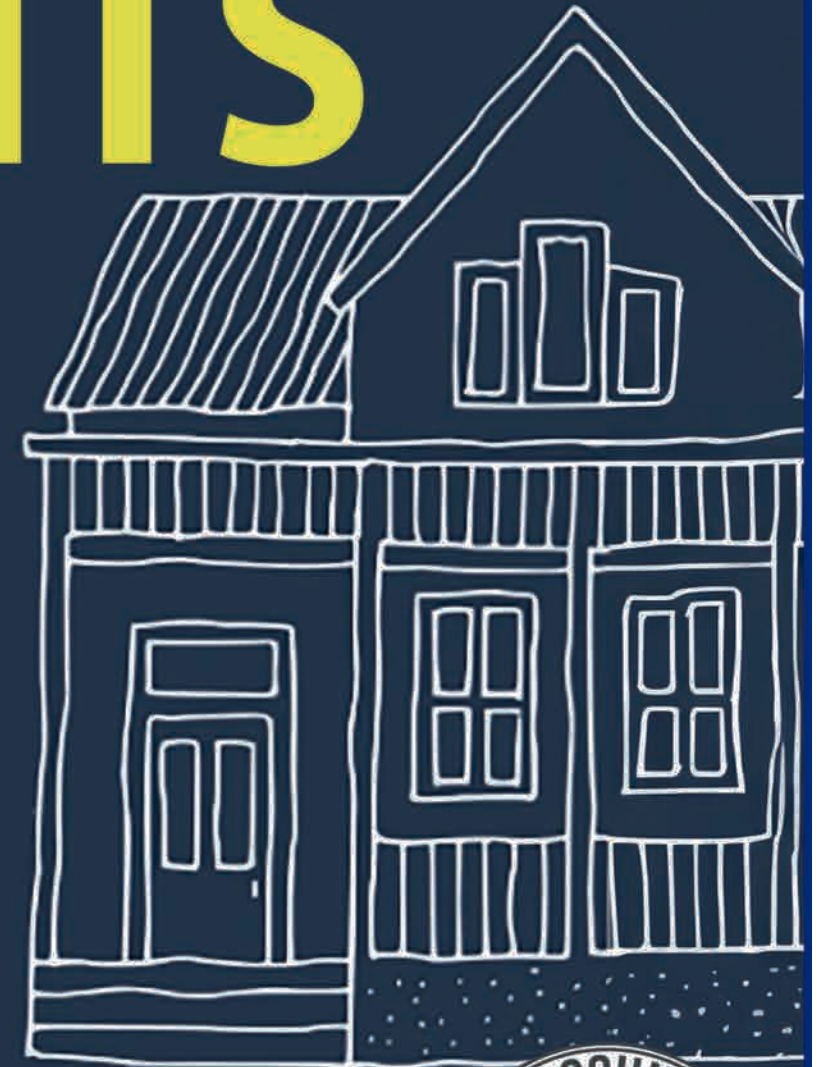
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HONORING OUR VETERANS THROUGH ART

By Danielle Nyland

Artist Bonnie Hagyard grew up in Greene County, first in Garards Fort, and later moving to Crucible. She's always been artistic, painting and drawing since she was a child, and is entirely self-taught. But it was her time in high school at Carmichaels that really helped her spread her artistic wings.

"I had an art teacher in high school, Mr. Varnak. He really encouraged me, because my parents didn't believe that [art] was a career. We didn't have any money, so he provided some of my art supplies. I went to him for study hall, and he practiced with me. He was a significant influence on me. I can remember even after I graduated, he found out where I lived and brought me stuff."

Bonnie never attended art school after graduating, and taught herself using whatever resources were available at the time—first books, and later online resources. "I bought a lot of books and learned a lot... But now with YouTube, you just look up something and you can practice it. I learned a lot online!"

Most of Bonnie's work revolves around a fantasy theme;

think Lord of the Rings, King Arthur, myths and legends. Around 2002/2003, she discovered a new media that she fell in love with—polymer clay. The versatility of polymer

clay has allowed her imagination to soar, and her skills to expand. Many of Bonnie's polymer sculptures feature intricate and time-consuming cane work, making them one-of-a-kind pieces. Her clay work has been featured in magazines, and pieces have been auctioned off at the Carnegie Museum of Art for the Carnegie Science Awards.

Bonnie's favorite thing about art is the flexibility. She often switches back and forth between her favorite mediums, and "I love when people say, do what you want. They just give you a little starting point and let you go off on your own tangent. It's a lot more fun that way."

"[Art is] a great escape. It's very relaxing. You don't have to look at the clock. People always ask you how long it takes to do a piece. I don't know. Because my mind just relaxes when I get into the art room. I don't keep track of time. It's great therapy."

When her husband Jim passed away two years ago, getting back into her art helped tremendously. Prior to his passing away, Bonnie also relied on art's therapeutic value. "I did a lot of painting and drawing when Jimmy went through his chemo because I sat there for five or six hours a day with him. They learned to bring me one of those carts over, and I just sketched all day long while he was doing his treatments."

This summer, Bonnie completed a multi-wall mural project at the Fredericktown American Legion. American Legion members Leo Faulk, John Keys, and Bill Hess reached out to Bonnie and asked her if she would put her painting skills to work painting a few of the Legion's walls. After a few discussions about what they were looking for, Bonnie began researching ideas and designs. "I came across the silhouettes, and they liked the idea. We decided on the silhouettes, and then they let me go off from there."

After finalizing the designs for each wall, Bonnie created the characters at home on poster board on the wall, then cut them out and brought them to the Legion. There, she traced them out on the blank walls and painted the designs. One wall features a poppy field, a symbol of the sacrifice soldiers make. Another wall features service members from the different military branches. A third wall features the American flag, and a fourth mural features the National Cemetery. And last, another mural features a bald eagle. Completing the murals had special meaning to Bonnie, as well: "My husband stopped here every day after work. He loved this place."

The murals took a little over a month to complete, with Bonnie working about four to five hours a day. "[The Legion was] so nice. They brought down a stage from upstairs and put it under where I was working, so I didn't

have to climb up and down a ladder all day. That was wonderful."

Bonnie has completed other murals prior to the Legion's. In Fredericktown, you can find her mural of Alice in Wonderland along a brick wall completed during the pandemic, and at her home, she turned her shed into a hobbit hole.

Bonnie couldn't have pursued her passion for the arts without the support of her family. "My daughter Jamie and my two granddaughters Katey and Keara are very supportive and proud of my work as I am of theirs everyday!"



Bonnie Hagyard painted multiple patriotic murals at the Fredericktown American Legion.



Some of Bonnie's favorite creations are the Alice in Wonderland figures and art she displays in her home.

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When Todd Endsley enlisted in the US Army, he did not know where he might end up. Growing up along the Monongahela River in Adah, then traveling to Fort Bliss, Texas for basic training, he was surprised to find that most of his time in the services would be spent in Germany: Darmstadt, Wiesbaden, Wildflecken and Bad Kissingen.

Endsley's military occupational specialty (MOS) was the 24 Gulf Radar Report Hawk Missile. These are no longer in use in the United States today, as we have given them to Ukraine.

Endsley spent two weeks in Greene County on leave after doing basic training in Fort Bliss, Texas, before shipping off to Frankfurt, Germany. Then, he went to Wiesbaden, Germany, where he spent the next eight months as part of the 1st of the 1st Air Defense Artillery - 10th ADA Group.

It was during this time that President Carter negotiated the release of the 52 American civilian hostages that Iran held for 444 days. These hostages were transported via aircraft and, when they were in Turkish airspace, Endsley was made aware that they would land in Frankfurt and be taken to a hospital in Wiesbaden for care. It was his job to guard the airspace and keep them safe until they got on the ground.

This was a monumental task for Endsley and his fellow soldiers as President Reagan had already tried one rescue mission and it had failed, with a plane crashing in the desert. Endsley said that at the time "...tensions were high, nobody knew if war would break out."

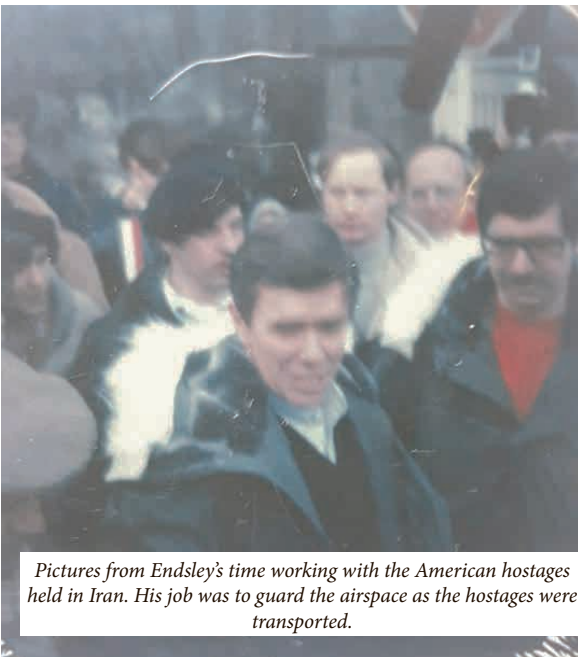
The hostages safely made it to the hospital and were released to go back to the United States after three to four days. Endsley recalls they were given food and phones so that they could call their families and loved ones back home.

Todd Endsley served for ten years in the U.S. Army. He tried to re-enlist thirty days later but was exempted due to disability. He moved back home to Adah and is enjoying a second career in heating, air conditioning and electronics.

Endsley uses a program called Veterans Leadership Program in Pittsburgh to stay connected to veterans locally.

He also encourages the youth of today to join the military and to be involved in our country's need for leadership. His grandson is involved in Air Force ROTC and hopes to become a military officer one day.

Endsley believes that the United States would be a better place if everyone would serve in the military after high school. "There is a great equalization in standing next to people you serve with. Skin color, background, none of that matters. You are all fighting for the same thing. There is a great sense of pride. We could all learn a lot about respecting each



Pictures from Endsley's time working with the American hostages held in Iran. His job was to guard the airspace as the hostages were transported.

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WEST GREENE TEACHER HONORS VETERANS

By Aubrey Lesnett

When it comes to supporting veterans and educating others about the importance of our country's veterans, West Greene High School's Sheri Garlick is the woman to talk to. Garlick took it upon herself to show her support to local veterans two ways this Veterans Day: with a Field of Flags and a Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action table. For her Field of Flags, Garlick accepts donations to honor local veterans with a flag that will be placed in front of West Greene High School. Along with the flag is a sign that shares the veteran's name, so they receive recognition for their service.

"I have many friends and loved ones who enlisted in a branch of the United States military to protect my family and me. In return, I do what I can to honor them and remind them I never forgot the sacrifices that they made for us," Garlick says. She also has a more personal reason for caring so much about this cause. Over the summer, she experienced a house fire that robbed her of her possessions. Some of the first people to help Garlick through

this tough time were the veterans of Greensboro VFW Post 6303. They held a major fundraiser and surprised her with the proceeds helping her begin the rebuilding process. In addition, many of her friends that are veterans came to her individually and provided her with financial assistance, clothing, food, love, and support during that difficult time.

As with her Field of Flags, Garlick has a deeper reason for caring so passionately for her

Prisoners of War/Missing in Action table. "I have a special place in my heart for all veterans, and do a lot of things to support them, but the POW/MIA table hits a little differently. My uncle, Sergeant John Zaher, is among the missing. He was a Right Waist Gunner on the Sassy Lassy, with the 349th Bomber Squadron. Flak hit his aircraft as bombs were released from an aircraft above his."

She also shared more details about the table and what it means. The third Friday in September is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, when we honor the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those that are missing in action. As part of the Recognition Day, we ask Americans to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by these many veterans.

After talking to Mrs. Garlick, it's safe to say that upcoming generations at West Greene High School will be educated about the many sacrifices that our nation's veterans have made.



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"BIG JIM" MADE A BIG IMPACT

Mr. (James) Jim Hopkins is a man remembered fondly by both his family and community. Living in the Waynesburg area for the duration of his life, "Big Jim", as he was lovingly called, was known as a wearer of multiple hats, a man of many talents, but mostly, as a community servant who loved life, and improving the lives of others. His eldest son, Troy Hopkins, describes his father this way: "He was always one to donate to Greene County. He would take the shirt off his back to give it to you."

A skilled mason and concrete worker, Jim was born April 23, 1950, and raised in a hard-working, driven family of 10. Jim's father operated his own construction company, "Hopkins and Sons", where all the boys in the family were employed at a young age. Here, Jim learned many vital trades which he applied to the rest of his life, as his sister, Helen Mooney, explains. Jim worked with his father throughout his childhood up until the early 1980s, when he transitioned to a position laying block at Emerald Mine. Troy remembers that "he only quit to work harder. He could lay the most block out of anyone." Jim always sought a challenge, and was notorious for doing excellent work, whatever the task at hand might have been.

Eventually, Jim became an entrepreneur himself, opening "Jim Hopkins Masonry and Concrete." Being his own supervisor allowed him to give freely of his time to help Greene County with any project he could get his hands on. "He's played a part [in] building most of the community," Troy's wife, Kristin, states. Jim volunteered his concrete services to many businesses, ball teams, and organizations in the area. He loved playing softball with friends and colleagues from the business, and helped others experience the same joy by building numerous batting cages and backstops in Kirby, PA, as well as donating the field house, restrooms, and batting cages for Waynesburg Central High School's baseball team.

Jim served as a Franklin Township supervisor for 18 years. "He loved to take care of the community," Troy and Kristin both agree. They remember him heading out early on cold and snowy winter mornings to make sure roads were ready to transport children to school safely. "He made sure every road was clear," Kristin says, chuckling, "even when it wasn't in his township." "You just don't see that anymore," they recall.

Jim never stopped taking advantage of every opportunity to serve others. One major project that reflects his heart began only a few years ago.

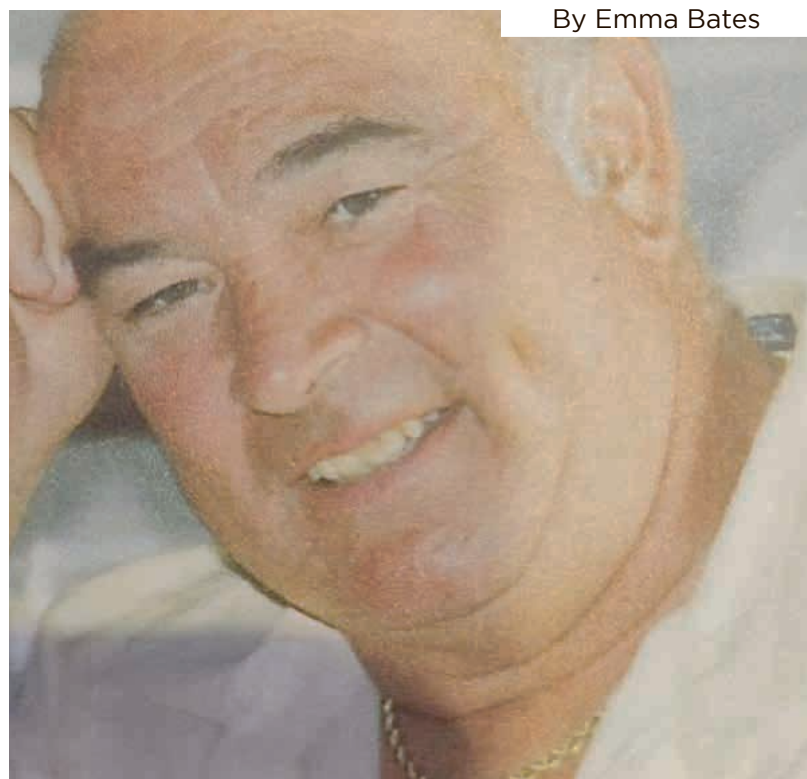
The Greene County Veterans' Memorial Park was established on Memorial Day in 2021, and is at 900 Rolling Meadows Road in Waynesburg, PA. Prompted by his appreciation for those who have served our country, Jim provided all the concrete work for the facility hoping the park would be a place that community members would gratefully remember all those who dedicated their lives to our freedom. Although Jim never served in the U.S. military himself, he had deep respect for our country, and all those who served it. As a member of the American Legion and VFW, he loved supporting veterans. "A lot of people risked, he knew, and giving back was a way to honor them and an honor to him," Troy says.

Jim was a man who loved life. "He was the loudest person, he always smiled and laughed," Troy recalls.

"[Jim] knew and welcomed everyone," Kristin adds. "He was gruff, a hard worker, and made sure everything was done right...but he really was a teddy bear," she explains, laughing.

Whether riding his Harley, going for a hunt, or bringing the ham to a family Thanksgiving dinner, as Helen remembers, Jim always brought life to the room. "Big Jim" really made a big impact on his family, friends, and community. Now, Greene County thanks him.

By Emma Bates



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VETERANS DAY PARADE IN DOWNTOWN WAYNESBURG

Downtown Waynesburg prepares to honor our area veterans, as well as veterans across America, with the annual Veterans Day Parade in front of the courthouse Saturday, November 9. The parade is a special time to celebrate and honor all veterans.

The preceremony will start at approximately 10am and feature Frank Ricco & the American Legion Band, an invocation by Jason Woods, vocalist Belinda Nicholas of Morgantown, WV and Abigale Phillips of Spraggs singing the National Anthem. The PA 140th Civil War reenactors will conduct the honor guard and 21 gun salute. Ryan Armstrong of Carmichaels and Marke Walawander of Waynesburg will be the Masters of Ceremony. The parade, starting at approximately 11am, will feature the Greene County Honor Guard, military vehicles, car and motorcycle clubs, a visit from Santa and more. A horse drawn carriage will escort the family members of the area's Gold Star veterans. There will be a post-parade ceremony at The Denny House featuring food, beverages, and DJ provided to the public by the Veterans Council at no cost.

This year's Veterans Parade will feature two Grand Marshalls. Greene County Veterans is on the search for the oldest and youngest veterans in the county to be Grand Marshalls. The names will be announced prior to the parade.

The parade would not be possible without the dedication of the Greene County Veterans Parade Committee. The committee sincerely appreciates the overwhelm-

ing community support and sponsorship. Thank you to everyone that plays a part in organizing, implementing, and participating in the parade. Special appreciation to Direct Results, First Federal Savings & Loan, all volunteer, and supporters.

If you cannot attend the parade, a broadcast of the parade will be available later on their website, filmed by Waynesburg University. Visit greeneevtsunitite.us or email grevets@gmail.com FMI.



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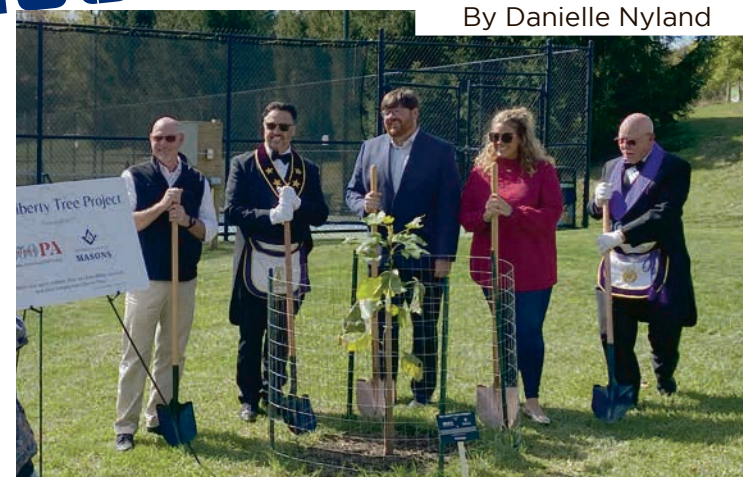
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CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH WITH A LIBERTY TREE

By Danielle Nyland

On Tuesday, October 8, community members, government officials, veterans, and others gathered at the Greene County Veterans Memorial Park in Waynesburg to witness a very special dedication. As part of the America250PA celebrations, Greene County was honored with a planting of its own Liberty Tree.



What is a Liberty Tree? During the American Revolutionary War, the Sons of Liberty often convened under the nation's original Liberty Tree in Boston to discuss their opposition to British rule in the colonies. This historic tree became a beacon of hope to colonists and a symbol of American freedom. To stymie these colonists, the British destroyed Boston's Liberty Tree. Patriots throughout the 13 colonies designated new Liberty Trees. The last known original Liberty Tree sat on the campus of Saint John's University in Maryland until Hurricane Floyd destroyed it in 1999. As part of celebrating America's Bicentennial, seeds from a cutting of the original tree are being collected, grown into seedlings, and planted across the Commonwealth.

Generously sponsored by and in partnership with the Pennsylvania Freemasons, America250PA's Liberty Tree Project includes a certified Liberty Tree planted in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties over 2021 to 2026. Neighbor Fayette County received their Liberty Tree in autumn 2023.

"Initially, locating a historic site from the Revolutionary War in Greene County proved to be a challenging task. Greene County was officially founded on February 9th, 1796, several years after the Revolutionary War," JoAnne Marshall, Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency Director, said. "G. Wayne Smith, a local author and historian, described Greene County as a 'raw frontier' during the American Revolution, with settlers frequently occupied by the need to defend themselves from [Native American] attacks. Despite the ongoing frontier conflicts, settlers still traveled to aid in the Revolutionary War effort.

The Greene County Veterans Memorial Park provides an ample setting for us in Greene County to gather and remember those who sacrificed for American freedom."

After a welcome from America250PA Executive Director Cassandra Coleman, the Greene County Honor Guard presented the colors, Blair McGill, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 31 led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, an integral part of getting the Liberty Tree planted in Greene County; Lori Greene sang the National Anthem. Jeffrey Taggart of Laurel Lodge No. 651 performed the opening prayer, followed by more remarks from Coleman.

"We are so proud we are the first state in the nation to have all our counties pass a 250th resolution, becoming partners and showing that we are putting politics and policy aside here in Pennsylvania. We want to continue to lead the nation as we have over the last 250 years and we are very grateful for the support from all our counties," Coleman said.

During his remarks, County Commissioner Jared Edgreen said, "We are truly honored and blessed to have this history and heritage planted right here in Greene County. We thank you once again for this Liberty Tree and may it ...live long and always be a beacon of freedom and liberty in Greene County."

A presentation of the certificate was followed by remarks from P.J. Roup, Right Worshipful Senior Grant Warden of the Grand Lodge of PA. Thanks were shared with Liberty Tree sponsor First Energy, and Taggart led a closing prayer.

Greene County Memorial Park will soon have another addition, thanks to the Fort Jackson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. They are installing a memorial in honor of Greene County's American Revolutionary War. A dedication for the memorial is planned for November 10.

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BOBTOWN: VETERANS DAY CEREMONY ON NOV. 3 - The ceremony will start at 1 pm with Mr. Steve Juracko doing the opening prayer. Layna Fisher will be singing the National Anthem, followed by the Bobtown Youth Community reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The guest speaker will be Retired Mayor Pete Keruskin. The Greene County Honor Guard will do the Military Honors. John Michniak will also be honoring two local Veterans, one male and one female. There will be a dinner following the ceremony at the Shannopin Civic Club.

WEST GREENE: VETERANS DAY PROGRAM ON NOV. 7 - The West Greene Elementary Center invites you to their Veterans Day program on Nov. 7 from 9-10am at the West Greene High School Auditorium. A veterans reception will be held from 8:15-9am.

WAYNESBURG: VETERANS DAY PARADE ON NOV. 9 - The Veterans Council of Greene County will hold The Veterans Day Parade in downtown Waynesburg on Saturday, November 9. The Community is invited to come out to thank Greene County Veterans past and present who have sacrificed their lives for this nation. Area Veterans will be recognized for their

service and dedication to the U.S. Military. The pre-ceremony will then begin at 10:00 am on the Court House Steps. The parade will be being at 11:00 am proceeding down High Street to the Greene County Courthouse. Immediately following the parade, refreshments will be provided at the Denny House; veterans and the public are welcome.

WAYNESBURG: VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON NOV. 9 - Together with Veterans will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Greene County Fairgrounds 4-H Building (Lower) from 8am to 10am.

WAYNESBURG: VFW POST 4793 ON NOV. 11 - The Waynesburg VFW Post 4793 will hold a service at the Greene County Veterans Memorial Park on November 11 at 11am.

JEFFERSON: AMERICAN LEGION FILER-SADLEK POST 954 ON NOV. 11 - The Jefferson American Legion Filer-Sadlek Post 954 will hold a Post Everlasting Service at the Jefferson Morgan High School auditorium on November 11 at 11am.

Honoring OUR VETS

Reba Howard

Reba Howard served in the U.S. Navy from November 2012 to June 2015. She was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, where she was assigned to the USS Harry S Truman. Reba was an ABH, and she launched and recovered air craft off the flight deck. "My favorite thing about the military was traveling the world. The experiences I had when I traveled to different countries were life changing. The friends I made while serving are lifelong friendships I will forever get to cherish. We salute you and thank you for your service."

Honoring OUR VETS

Rodman Stewart

TSGT Rodman W. Stewart was a hydraulic specialist. In this photo, he is on a Dutch magazine that covered missions of individuals stationed at Camp New Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The camp launched missions from Incirlik AFB Turkey during Desert Storm 1991 We salute you, TSGT Rodman Stewart and thank you for your service.

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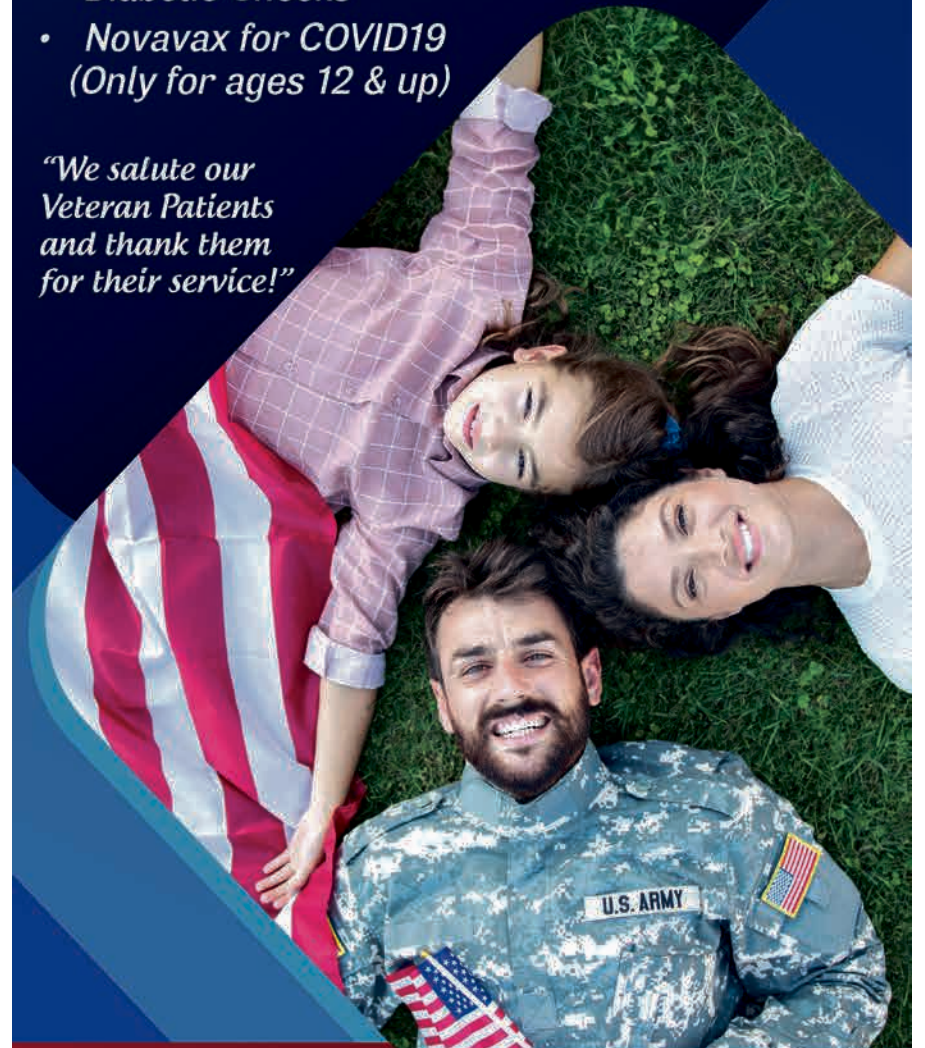
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