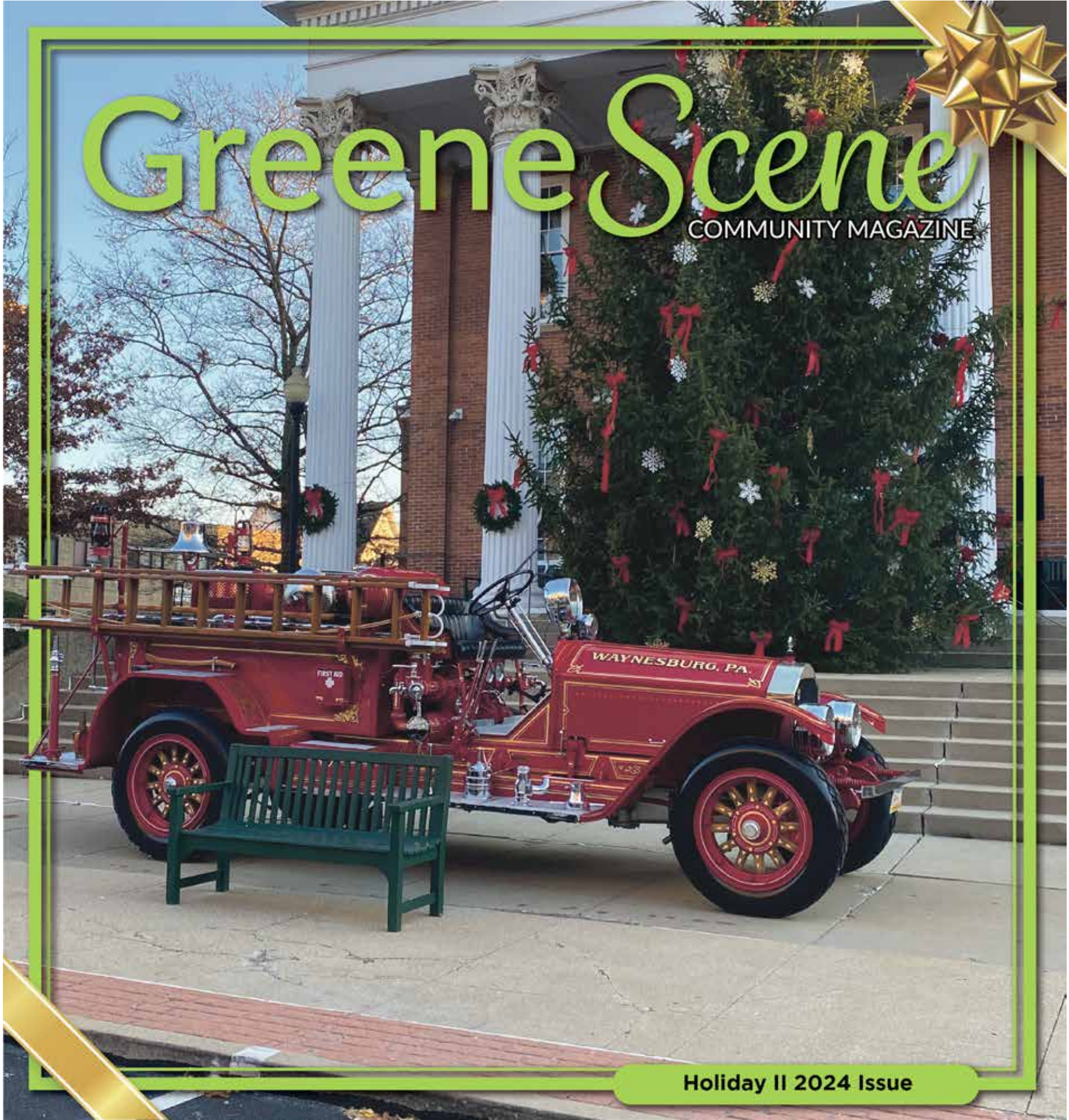


Greene Scene

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



Holiday II 2024 Issue

PUT YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

with the *GreeneScene*
COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Each year, *GreeneScene Community Magazine* showcases businesses in our well-received twice annual editions.

Our Business Spotlights are a unique opportunity for a feature story about your business to appear in the *GreeneScene*, the most widely circulated publication in the area. Each Business Spotlight Edition of the *GreeneScene* direct mails to every residential and business address in Greene County and bordering communities. Our special issues include photos and feature articles highlighting expansion, growth, and the unique brand of personal service or products that attract consumers and clients.

Your business is spotlighted in article format in one of the most powerful and effective advertising media in your market area. There are no additional fees or increased costs. Advertising rates for Business Spotlights remain the same cost-efficient rates we always offer.

Give your business the boost it deserves in front of approximately 25,000 households and businesses!

Publishing
**MARCH
2025**

THIS IS A GREAT
OPPORTUNITY TO
BOOST YOUR
BUSINESS!

**WANT TO SAVE \$\$\$
ON YOUR BUSINESS
SPOTLIGHT?**

*Write your own Business
Spotlight article to save
money on your ad cost!
That's right - if you provide
your own article for our
business spotlight feature,
you'll receive a discount on
the cost of your ad.*

**Receive a discount up to \$120
off ad price!**

Call Now!

MICHELLE ZEIGLER
ADVERTISING SALES SPECIALIST
cell: 724.833.0538
office: 724.627.2040
michelle@directresults.us
www.GreeneSceneMagazine.com
f @GreeneSceneCommunityMagazine

**RESERVE
YOUR SPOT
BY FEB. 3, 2025**

In this issue...

HOLIDAY II 2024

FEATURES

- 4 I LOVE THIS COMMUNITY**
A meaningful Christmas tradition
- 6 PUBLIC SERVICE PROFILE**
Finding a home at Horse & Hound Hilltop Haven
- 7 COOL AT SCHOOL**
WU serves as cooperative nursery; hosts 800 catfish
- 8 GREENE ARTIFACTS**
1816 Springfield: Before and after
- 9 GOING GREENE**
Historical milestone anniversaries
- 10 GOOD NEWS IN GREENE**
Awards & acknowledgements within our community
- 12 MESSAGE BOARD**
What's up in the area
- 14 IT HAPPENED HERE!**
Check out the recent events & see what you're missing!
- 28 HOMETOWN HERITAGE**
Current and vintage local sports highlights

EXTRAS

- 20 HONORING GREENE'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS**
- 21 THANKS FOR GIVING COMMUNITY DAY**
Supports older citizens and area veterans
- 22 RADIOACTIVE PERFORMANCE**
WU puts on the "Radium Girls"
- 38 REMBERING ROBENA AT THE MEMORIAL**
And miners' place in Appalachian history
- 40 THE MUSIC MAN**
Local community member builds guitars
- 42 GREENE GARDENS**
Mistletoe: The Kissing Plant
- 44 SHOP SMALL. SHOP LOCAL.**
Following up with Greatest in Greene winners
- 46 LOOKING FOR A HOLIDAY GIFT?**
Shop local!

LETTERS TO SANTA
SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE ISSUE



PUBLISHED BY
DR
DIRECTRESULTS.US
CERTIFIED WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS

Publisher & Owner
PAMELA MARISA

Managing Editor
DANIELLE NYLAND

Advertising Sales
MICHELLE ZEIGLER, KAMERON
MARISA, DAVID STONEKING,
JEREMIAH RAINES, NICHOLE
SOWDEN, KASON MARISA,
SPENSER SARGENT

Graphic Design
CHARLES SCHOLTISEK, MOLLY USHER,
JOELLE DORSEY, PETE BRUNETTO,
ERIC PALFREY, JACOB AHLBRAND,
RANDY SCOTT, KATERYNA KRUTHI

Holiday II Contributors
MATTHEW CUMBERLEDGE, EMMA
BATES, MORGAN MARISA, EMILY
CAPULE, TRACY HORNE, MICHELLE
ZEIGLER, ZACK ZEIGLER, AUBREY
LESNETT & SPORTS EDITOR BRET
MOORE

GreeneScene
COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

FMI or Advertising Rates
Call 724-627-2040
info@greenescenemagazine.com
185 Wade St., Waynesburg, PA 15370

Please direct inquiries
about articles and content
to editor Danielle Nyland:
danielle@directresults.us

Enter contests, send us photos,
read articles online, & more! Visit:
GreeneSceneMagazine.com



Copyright 2024 - All Rights Reserved



LETTERS TO SANTA

WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO SHARE WITH YOU IN THIS HOLIDAY II ISSUE OF THE GREENESCENE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE SEVERAL FUN, ORIGINAL DRAWINGS AND LETTERS TO SANTA FROM OUR READERS THANK YOU TO ALL OUR READERS AND CHILDREN THAT SUBMITTED LETTERS. WE APPRECIATE YOU SHARING THESE FUN IMAGES AND HOPEFUL LETTERS. THE LETTERS WITH THEIR ILLUSTRATIONS ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE PAGES OF THIS MONTH'S ISSUE.

*On The Fifth Day of Christmas
My Credit Union Gave To Me....*

5.01% APY* !!

Certificate Special

9 MONTHS ★ LIMITED TIME

\$1,000 MINIMUM - \$250,000 MAXIMUM

*APY - Annual Percentage Yield. CD owner must live, work, or worship in Washington, Greene or Fayette County. Credit Union membership required. Subject to penalties for early withdrawal. Rates are subject to change. Federally insured by the NCUA.

FRICK FINANCIAL
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

NCUA 

Uniontown (724) 438-5123	Washington (724) 228-1315	Waynesburg (724) 627-5447	Charleroi (724) 483-6609
-----------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	-----------------------------

Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm Friday 9am-5pm For more information visit www.frickfin.org

*Happy Holidays
From All of Us
to You and Yours*

UMWA CAREER CENTERS, INC.
RUFF CREEK CAMPUS

*Training the next generation of workers:
Mechatronics, Incumbent Workers, Apprenticeship & More!*

Find Us Online! 

197 Dunn Station Rd.
Prosperity, PA 15329
724-223-9332, ext. 205
www.umwacc.com



I Love this Community — A MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS TRADITION

By Emma Bates

When thinking of Christmas traditions, what typically comes to mind? For many of us, a brightly lit tree, delectable homemade treats, and a candlelit visit to church round out the most wonderful time of the year. But for others, Christmas is a very stressful time, and even one of sadness and disappointment when the Christmas list can't seem to be met, and all of Santa's bounty is just out of reach. Fortunately for Greene County and many other communities across the country, Toys for Tots is a Christmas tradition that brings hope to the struggles of the season.

Toys for Tots is an organization founded entirely by Marines with a heart for less fortunate children that may not receive a Christmas present otherwise. The Marine Toys for Tots program was started in 1947 in Los Angeles, California, by a USMC Major, Bill Hendricks. Five thousand toys were collected that first year, with the first toy being a doll made by Major Hendrick's wife. In the nearly eighty years since its inception, Toys for Tots has spread across America by small groups of United States Marines, little by little, to its current status as a nationally recognized entity with a presence in all fifty states.

Laura Walters, a lifelong volunteer for and now co-chair of Toys for Tots in Greene County, says that the organization is a family tradition. Laura's Uncle John "Buzz" Walters, Father Jim Walters, and Uncle Bob Walters, in addition to Bob Varesko, Jim Caputo, Max Deveka, Mae Richardson, Dick Morgan, Andrew Matty, Murray Williams, and Frank Novasky - all of whom were U.S. Marines—founded the Greene County Toys for Tots program in 1980. "We hold these Marines close in our hearts for making Toys for Tots possible," says Laura. This year marks the 44th annual Toys for Tots event in Greene County.

Laura and her sister, Barb Walters, remember helping their father in the founding years of the program. "We've been involved from the get-go. We started this with our dad my senior year in high school," Laura remembers. Since her uncle Buzz's passing on December 16, 2022, Laura sums it up simply: "My sister and I just want to continue the legacy of our dad and our uncles."

Laura Walters and Lori Paletta-Davis are co-chairs of the 2024 Greene County Toys for Tots Program, which operates as part of the national program through a partnership with the Washington County program. Laura and Lori, along with other project coordinators across the country, receive training both in-person and online from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

An equally significant contribution to the evolution of the Greene County Toys for Tots program comes in the form of local support. "The community has made Toys for Tots what it is," Laura says with gratitude.

Both individuals and businesses support the annual toy drive and distribution event through donations, volunteer power, and providing toy drop-off boxes on business premises. Organizations like First Federal Savings and Loan of Greene County, Community Bank, Carmichaels Dollar General, Michaels Auto, Waynesburg VFW Post 4793, SCI Greene, Cumberland Township Police, and Carmichaels and West Greene School Districts, to name a few, have all taken up the call to make Christmas a little brighter this year.

The Greene County Toys for Tots team is also extremely grateful to the Fraternal Order of the Eagles for their donation



Toys for Tots provides a merry Christmas for many local families.

of \$8,100, which it generated through local fundraisers for the purchase of toys for this year's event.

Additionally, we "have to give a shout out to volunteers either being onsite the day of toy distribution or donating toys or setting up boxes," exclaims Laura.

"You would have to have a whole page to list all the volunteers," Barb states. "Prices are up 20%, even 30% in some places, and Toys for Tots can help," she continues.

Distribution day will be held on Saturday December 14 this year, from 10 am to 12 pm at two locations: the Waynesburg Fairgrounds and the Carmichaels Activity Center on Nemaocolin Road. Volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that children receive brand-new, good quality, and up-to-date toys under their Christmas trees. "We spend time online looking at what's popular," Barb shares. "Our mom is 85," she continues, "and she loves shopping. She will ask individuals of all ages what toys are popular this year."

"You've got to admit," Barb says to Laura, "the toys we've gotten, they're very nice."

The event itself has taken on a streamlined look at many facilities across the country, but both Waynesburg and Carmichaels locations have been able to retain a more personal approach in regards to shopping and one-on-one interactions. "Volunteers at the event help parents shop, which is fortunately a completely hands-on approach. Not all Toys for Tots sites across the U.S. are able to offer such a personal touch," Laura explains.

Parents and guardians attending the event must come prepared with the following two documents: (1) proof of residence in Greene County, and (2) a medical card for each child they are shopping for - from newborns to age 12. After presenting these documents, parents/guardians are welcome to shop for the perfect gifts. Barb explains, "It's organized like a

store by age and other groupings: for example, baby and Barbie dolls, trucks and cars, and infant appropriate items."

Volunteers act as "shopping assistants" to help parents navigate the many options available on the floor. According to Laura, "It's a well-oiled machine."

Many who come to the event are overwhelmed, but volunteers are aware of and familiar with the environment to help the shoppers get their bearings and point them in the right direction.

Barb shares that attendees are "very forthcoming with information. There is never any arguing, they're thankful for anything they get."

A common story shared with volunteers is that without this opportunity, the family "would have had nothing." Laura says she has heard similar stories from many of the people who have attended Toys for Tots events, and they are definitely emotional ones.

"One person said, 'If it weren't for Toys for Tots, I would have never had toys for Christmas as a child. I cried on the spot,'" Laura reflects.

Barb recalls that "Those who come through often ask 'is there anything I can do?' They are very gracious." Barb continues, "This is one program where people want to know how they can help."

The overarching statement is, "I just want my kids to have a Christmas." And thanks to the unwavering generosity of local people and businesses, including many volunteers at every level, more people can experience just that.

Toys for Tots "has changed lives to where [people] want to give back to their community because they received a toy," Barb says. When asked why the program continues, she responds, "it's bringing joy to those who need it." Now that's a Christmas tradition we all could use a little more of.

Merry  Christmas!

**HAVING TROUBLE
PAYING ALL THOSE
CHRISTMAS BILLS?**

**GET BACK ON A GREAT
CAREER, RIGHT HERE IN
GREENE COUNTY!**



NOW HIRING FOR ALL SHIFTS:

✓ OPERATORS
✓ MECHANICS

✓ TRUCK DRIVERS
(WATER, DUMP, & TRACTOR)

**CALL TO APPLY:
724-319-2112**

CARMICHAELS, PA

OUR DRIVERS ARE PAID HOURLY!

ADVERTISE HERE

Reach almost 20,000 households in one shot and hit your target audience when you advertise with GreeneScene Community Magazine.

Call 724-627-2040!

GreeneScene
COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



Public Service Profile

By Emily Capule

FINDING A HOME AT HORSE & HOUND HILLTOP HAVEN

Two Belgian draft horses have moved to Carmichaels to live out the rest of their days at Horse and Hound Hilltop Haven horse sanctuary after spending their lives working for their families.

These two geldings worked selflessly their entire lives and, when they showed signs of aging, their owners made the decision to sell them to a man who buys horses to ship to meat slaughter. It is common practice for work horses to be sold at the end of fall when someone thinks they may not work the next year because they want to avoid having to spend the money to feed them all winter just to get rid of them in the spring.

Fortunately, Big John and Prince both made their way onto the grounds of The End of the Line in Harmony, PA, an organization this meat buyer has an agreement with to which allows five days to find a home for the horse (at the same cost as the meat price guarantee, of course). Angel Wings Rescue of Jefferson, PA was alerted to Big John waiting for a home as his window was closing and they raised the funds to save him.

The next step was to send these horses to a quarantine facility to be kept separated from other horses and kept under close observation for any illnesses that may develop and to treat any injuries that the horse may have come in with. It was during the four-week quarantine stay that Big John met another Belgian draft gelding named Prince and the two became fast friends. It was decided that for the two horses to have a happy rehabilitation and retirement, they needed to be together.

Most horses live to be about thirty years old, but it is thought that because of the very large size - 18+ hands and 2200lbs - of draft horses, they may not live quite that long. With these two horses being estimated to be 20+ years old already, the hope for Angel Wings Rescue and the sanctuary that is caring for them is to simply let them know love and happiness for the rest of their time.

"Their personalities are al-

ready shining through after just a few days in our care! They are both the gentlest giants you will ever meet. It is overwhelming how huge they are, but they look at you and all they want is love and attention!" says Jenn Buzzatto, a board member with Horse and Hound Hilltop Haven.

The next steps for these two include raising funds for a covered hay hut so they can eat round bales throughout the year, more daily grooming sessions, and actively working to help them gain weight - which is a real challenge, as aged horses who have ribs showing are very difficult to bring back to form. But don't worry, the team is working with local veterinarians on an excellent nutrition program for these two giants.

If you are interested in following the story of these two rescues and donating to their cause, follow Horse and Hound Hilltop Haven on social media for updates.



Dear Santa,

I would like for Christmas is a reborn baby doll, Elf on the Shelf, Lego Christmas, and Care Bears. I also would like a Pillow Pet Clifford The Big Red Dog, coloring books, Holiday Barbie 2024, My Life As dolls, makeup brush organizer, and earrings. I have been very good this year! Can you tell everybody that I said hi; please and thank you. How are the reindeer doing? Do you think Rudolph is excited for Christmas?

From Cayla (age 26)



Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Well-Adjusted
New Year!
from
RUMBAUGH
BACK IN ACTION
CHIROPRACTIC

Dr. A. Jay Rumbaugh • Dr. T. Curtis Jones

724-852-1624 | rumbaughbacknaction.com
35 N. Porter Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370

Office Hours: M-F-S 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • T-Th 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Public Service Profile is presented by



"Yesterday's Service...Today's Technology"
595 East High Street • Waynesburg, PA
724-627-5454

Sanfonastasso Enterprises LLC

HIRING NOW

TEXT PA251 TO 38000 TO APPLY!



- Competitive Pay
- Flexible Scheduling
- Paid Time Off
- Vacation Pay
- Free Meals
- AND MUCH MORE!

*MUST BE 16+ YEARS OLD



BUY ONE, GET ONE ANY BREAKFAST SANDWICH FREE

With this coupon. Limit one coupon per customer. Expires 12/31/24



WAYNESBURG: 5 Sugar Run Rd. (724- 627-5700) & 273 E. Roy Furman Hwy. (724-627-0616)

Dear Santa,
 My mom is helping me write this. For Christmas, I'd like for you to stay warm, and wear purple. I like purple. I told my mom that I'd like a ball, a bus, babies, and cookies. Thank you.

Love, Kennedy (age 3) and Mommy



Cool at School:

Waynesburg University

Waynesburg U. Serves as Cooperative Nursery & Hosts 800 Catfish for Release Into Local Waterways

Waynesburg University's Marine Biology Program recently welcomed 800 channel catfish juveniles as part of its Cooperative Nursery Program with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Through this project, the University aids in raising catfish for the Commonwealth and then releases them into local waterways.

"The Cooperative Nursery Program provides a unique opportunity for WU marine biology students to gain hands-on experience working with native fishes, learn aquarium techniques that will aid them later on in their careers and interact with the public in a meaningful way," said Dr. Christian Hayes, director of marine science and assistant professor of biology at Waynesburg University.

Shortly after the arrival of the fish, Washington County Commissioner Nick Sherman and Pennsylvania State Senator Camera Bartolotta, along with several of their staff, visited the University's Marine Biology Lab to discuss the University's participation in the Program with Dr. Hayes and their interest in developing a similar nursery of their own in Washington County.

As part of the Cooperative Nursery Program, students have the opportunity to take over the responsibility of feeding, measuring and monitoring the health of all of the catfish during their stay in the University's Marine Biology Lab.

The catfish are later sent to local elementary, junior and senior high schools participating in the Catfish in the Class-

room program, where students care for and later release them. Every April, Waynesburg University students help with the release into local waterways.

"Due to the gracious support of the PA Fish and Boat Commission, who have provided several grants to WU, we have been able to expand the capacity of the nursery to double the number of catfish we can rear and stock in local streams to help promote local fish populations," Dr. Hayes added.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission recently awarded another grant to the University for the purpose of updating the filtration equipment in the lab's nursery. With their help, this yearly project can continue to benefit the local community in future years.

Waynesburg University's 3/1 Marine Biology Program offers a combined curriculum toward a Bachelor of Science in marine biology in conjunction

with Coastal Carolina University (CCU). Students complete their first three years at Waynesburg and finish their final year of coursework at CCU.



Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, *GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

1816 SPRINGFIELD: BEFORE AND AFTER

The War of 1812 revealed many weaknesses in the design of American muskets. That shortcoming gave way to the development of better muskets to be used by the US Army in future conflicts. The 1816 rifle was one gun developed as a result of the War of 1812.

The 1816 Springfield replaced the model 1812 Springfield, and brought with it several improvements, including a 42" long, .69 smooth bore barrel, similar to the model 1812 but with a longer lock plate, a shorter trigger guard and a longer bayonet. The model 1816 was a flintlock musket, originally manufactured at the Springfield and Harper's Ferry armories between 1816 and 1844, with over 700,000 made.

But, after having read all of that, you may ask, why is the photo captioned "1828 Springfield"? That's because, like many other older rifles used in the Civil War and

later, many were converted to percussion caps, and our featured rifle is no exception. The side plate is indeed marked 1828 Springfield. At some point in its lifetime, it was converted by kit to be a percussion rifle. The parts marked 1828 are the parts that specifically converted it from flintlock to percussion.

This specific rifle saw use during and after the Civil War. Soldiers used Model 1816 Springfield Rifles more in the early years of the Civil War, specifically 1861 and 1862, before largely replacing them with the Model 1861 Springfield Rifle.

After the War, their owners kept a lot of these rifles and transitioned them into hunting rifles, especially those folks who lived in more rural areas such as Greene County. If this converted model 1816 could talk, the stories it could tell!



1828 Springfield



WANT MORE? VISIT THE
Greene County Museum



The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School

THE LEARNING NEVER STOPS

Discover new K-12
education opportunities
waiting for you at the
**Pennsylvania Cyber
Charter School!**

Call **724.643.1180** or visit
pacyber.org to start your
PA Cyber journey today.



Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a big realistic Titanic ship. I
love you Santa.

From Jackson (age 5)



Going Green:

HISTORICAL MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

By Matthew Cumberledge

It's here - 2025. The beginning of the second quarter of the 21st century. Where has the time gone? To many of us, it likely seems like it was just yesterday we were celebrating the birth of the New Millennium. Here in Greene County, Pennsylvania, not one, but two organizations will celebrate special anniversaries in the year 2025!

Cornerstone Genealogical Society, one of the best genealogical reference libraries in the region, if not the country, celebrates their 50th anniversary in September. As part of their 50th year celebrations, sometime in September (date to be determined, so follow them on Facebook for information) they will host a major Open House event showcasing their collection of documents and books containing a wealth of family and local history information from Greene County and the surrounding region.

Also, according to David Cressey, president of the Society, one of the goals they are working towards with their 50th year coming up is getting editions of the Waynesburg Republican newspaper, dating back to 1870,

scanned and digitized so they can be available on newspapers.com and in their library. This will be a major accomplishment, and when completed, will open up a world of new information to a new generation of researchers.

Not only will Cornerstone Genealogical Society be celebrating their 50th anniversary as an organization, the Greene County Historical Society will celebrate 100 years as an organization preserving artifacts relating to Greene County History. The Greene County Historical Society's celebrations will start in April with a revamped Opening Day. In lieu of a simple one-day event, the GCHS will have a two day fair the last weekend in April, with re-enactors from the French and Indian War Period through the American Civil War. This event will be less focused on vendors and will have many demonstrators, hands-on activities, and lots of historical education. Perhaps even a little whiskey to commemorate the Whiskey Rebellion of the 1790s!

Also, in October, when the Historical Society officially turns a century old, the GCHS will kick off the month with the Annual Har-

vest Festival.

The 2025 event will be the society's 54th Harvest Festival, all of which were held at the old Greene County home, the present location of the GCHS Museum. There will be other events happening at the GCHS in October, perhaps some Haunted History Tours and maybe a Murder Mystery/Escape Room event. There is still a lot of planning to be done, so give the Greene County Historical Society Museum a follow on Facebook as well!

It's exciting that in the same year, two



historical organizations with such close ties will celebrate historic anniversaries. It's looking like 2025 is going to be quite an exciting year!



NOW HIRING CAREGIVERS IN GREENE, FAYETTE, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES!

- PAID TRAINING
- PAID TIME OFF (PTO)
- TIME AND A HALF ON HOLIDAYS WORKED



START A MEANINGFUL CAREER TODAY, WITH AN AGENCY CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.
724-223-5115 • APPLY NOW AT WWW.VFICIL.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE!

Waynesburg U. PRSSA chapter wins Star Chapter award

Waynesburg University's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter recently received the Star Chapter award for the 2023-2024 academic year. This recognition was given in acknowledgment of the chapter's excellence in its fulfillment of the criteria set by the Public Relations Society of America Foundation.

The award was achieved under the leadership of Bailee Yokum, a 2024 Waynesburg University graduate. Upon hearing the news, Yokum expressed her pride in the chapter's collective efforts.

"I was so excited to receive the news that WU PRSSA had won the Star Chapter award because I know how hard our chapter worked to go above and beyond in every aspect," Yokum said. "I am so proud of the teamwork and effort we put in to meet our goals to achieve the Star Chapter status, and I am very grateful to have been part of WU PRSSA."

The Waynesburg University PRSSA chapter has a history of winning awards for their work. Sydney Smiley, president of the chapter for the 2024-2025 academic year, expressed her desire to maintain this status.

"Earning this award is a testament to our members' dedication, passion and collaboration. It highlights our achievements and sets a high standard for future chapter members," Smiley said.

Some criteria for earning the Star Chapter award include attending international conferences, promoting ethics in public relations and operating a PRSSA firm.

Yokum reflected on the experiences that contributed to the chapter's status, noting how these opportunities not only fulfilled the award criteria but also helped prepare students for their future careers.

"The experiences the chapter had while working to achieve the Star Chapter award, like attending the international conference in Nashville, Tennessee, were so rewarding. It was a great chance for us as young professionals to network and learn more about effective practices in the field," Yokum said.

Smiley, too, spoke highly of the chapter's impact on her professional journey, crediting PRSSA for providing crucial opportunities for growth.

"Through PRSSA, I've gained the confidence and skills to pursue my career goals, knowing I've been equipped with both practical experience and a supportive community," she shared.

Smiley describes the organization as a valuable resource for students interested in public relations, offering opportunities to get hands-on experience in the field.

"PRSSA is an organization that serves as a resource for students from any discipline aspiring to enter or grow in a public relations field. It provides students opportunities to develop and connect with professionals in the industry through conferences, networking events and chapter activities," Smiley said.

For more information, contact Smiley at sydney.smiley@student.waynesburg.edu.

GCASR Donate to CFGC for the Weekend Backpack Food Program

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC) announced that over \$2,000 was donated to CFGC for the Weekend Backpack Food Program. The Weekend Backpack Food Program assists all Greene County students, K-12, who are food insecure to have food to eat over the weekend.

According to Dave Calvario, CFGC Executive Director, "Since 65-70% of Greene County



school-aged children qualify for free or reduced meals (breakfast and lunch) while at school, this allows them to have full stomachs Monday-Friday. But the next question that we must ask then is, what happens over the weekend? What do school-aged children eat if there is little to nothing at home? Lack of food over the weekend causes learning problems come Monday morning since there are so many households in Greene County who qualify for free or reduced meals at school."

Since 2012, the Community Foundation of Greene County has served as the fiscal sponsor for the Weekend Backpack Food Program. CFGC works closely with the five school districts food service directors and our local community to keep this program funded and operational.

Myleen McCollum, retired teacher/librarian from West Greene and GCASR Publicity Chair, said, "GCASR has supported the Weekend Backpack Food Program for more than 10 years. Our membership has been devoted to youth and their needs all of their lives from their homes to their work experiences. We are pleased to continue our support and benevolence to this needed outreach."

"The Weekend Backpack Food Program at Jefferson-Morgan continues to serve at-risk students and provide them with healthy and much needed food items during the weekend. Our goal is to help our students avoid weekend hunger," says Andrea Henneman, Food Service Director at Jefferson-Morgan. All donations, no matter how big or small, go a long way in helping to meet the \$50,000 cost to operate the Weekend Backpack Food Program, according to Calvario.

First Federal Savings and Loan Supports CFGC Pre-K Scholarships

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC) received a \$25,000 donation from First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County to support Pre-K Scholarships through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program which provides scholarship assistance for Greene County children attending approved Pre-K programs.

"EITC contributions are an investment in our Commonwealth, and the youth of Greene County," said Courtney Schroyer, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The EITC Pre-K Scholarship program provides children and families with an opportunity to participate in a quality Pre-K program which gives children a good start toward being successful in school and beyond. Families may apply for a scholarship, which is paid directly to an approved Pre-K program, to help offset tuition and fees for the child.

Dave Calvario, Executive Director of CFGC, said, "The EITC scholarship program pro-

LM

L&M WATER SERVICES, LLC

DECEMBER SPECIAL: \$1,500 OFF! YOUR NEW WATER WELL

Get the gift of fresh, clean water this Christmas! Call us today to schedule a consultation to drill a new well, or test and treat your current water for that crisp and clean water taste.

Make this season merry with reliable water for years to come.

LET US TEST YOUR WATER TODAY!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS LIMITED-TIME OFFER

CALL TODAY FOR YOUR FREE ESTIMATE!

- water treatment
- water well drilling
- well service & repair
- camera inspection
- flow rate tests

(724) 428-4322 | Graysville, PA 15337 | ljscogin@gmail.com

vides financial assistance to families who might not be able to afford a pre-school program. Additionally, Calvario stated he would like to thank First Federal Savings and Loan of Greene County for their generous donation to fund the EITC scholarship program. CFGC provided scholarships to more than 18 Greene County children attending preschool programs during the 2024-2025 school year.



"It is wonderful that First Federal of Greene County has chosen to support the EITC Pre-K effort in our community. The whole community eventually shares in the benefits of making pre-kindergarten available to its young children and families," remarked Lori Paletta-Davis, chairperson of the CFGC Board of Directors. "This contribution will go a long way toward ensuring that we will be able to provide scholarships for eligible families during the 2024-2025 school year."

WCHS Lions Club Students of the Month

The Lions Club Students of the month are JJ Martinez and Bryn Lahew.

JJ is the son of Dino and Jennifer Martinez of Waynesburg. He has carried a 4.0 GPA throughout high school. He is a member of the cross country team, the track and field team, NHS, FBLA, the Leo Club, the Physics Club and the Spanish Club. He has been selected to represent his class on the Prom Court, the Cinderella Ball Court and he was the Homecoming King.

JJ loves to run. He is a four-year letterman on the cross country team and a three-year letterman for track and field. In addition, his FBLA teams have qualified for the state competition twice.

Outside of school, Mr. Martinez works as a lifeguard at the Waynesburg Waterpark. He is also very active at St. Ann Catholic Church. In his free time JJ enjoys working out at the gym and spending time with friends and family. His plans are to attend a four-year university and earn a degree in business.

Bryn Lahew is the daughter of Michelle Shannon and Chay Lahew. She has earned straight 'A's through high school. Bryn has been a member of Envirothon, the Spanish Club, Yearbook Club, Newspaper Club, TV Workshop, Hope Squad, NHS, Youth Alive, Leo Club, ASL Club, and the Prom Committee. She has served as President of Student Council, President of Drama Club, Vice President of Alpha Beta, and the Treasurer of the Senior Class of 2025. She is the 2024 Homecoming Queen and Miss Rain Day.

Ms. Lahew loves to cheer. She is a two-year letterman on the varsity cheer squad. This year she is serving as the Captain. Bryn has danced at InMotion studios for 16 years and competitively for 9 years. She teaches class at InMotion as well.



(Left) JJ Martinez and (right) Bryn Lahew.

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR!**

- LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING
- SHOPPING/ERRANDS
- BATHING/HYGIENE
- MEDICATIONS REMINDERS
- TRANSPORTATION
- COMPANIONSHIP

**BETTER LIVING
HOME CARE, LLC**

www.betterlivingllcpa.com
info@betterlivingllcpa.com

(724)366-4267 UNIONTOWN, PA

CALL TODAY FOR A FREE VIRTUAL OR IN HOME ASSESSMENT

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
MASQUERADE BALL**

TUESDAY, DEC. 31 / 7PM

**POOL TABLES
DART BOARDS
DANCE FLOOR
AMAZING FOOD!**

**\$10 ADVANCED TICKET
\$15 TICKET AT THE DOOR
MUST BE 21+ TO ATTEND**

**ENTER FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN
A WEEK STAY IN
FLORIDA!**

SHINDIGZ BAR & GRILL
EST: 2023

shindigzbar@gmail.com
6 Oliver Rd. Ste. 105, Uniontown, PA 15401

CHECK OUT OUR PAGE FOR WINTER HOURS & OTHER EVENTS!

Free Christmas Day Dinner

The annual free Christmas Day Dinner will be held on December 25 at two locations this year: Waynesburg Eagles at 52 West High Street, Waynesburg, and Carmichaels Activity Center, 100 Nemacolin Road, Carmichaels. The dinner is available for eat in, take out, or delivery. Delivery orders must be placed by Dec. 22. Dinner includes ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, egg noodles, macaroni/potato salad, gravy, vegetables, dinner roll and dessert. Eat in and to go orders will begin at 1pm; deliveries will start at 11am. If you would like to order, please call 724-344-5527.

Blue Knights Donation

Blue Knights of Columbus donated \$1,000 for the Foster Kids Christmas party. The Blue Knights Members from left to right are Fran Suppok, Rodney Bush, and Dave Richards.



3rd Annual Waynesburg Miniature Railroad

The third annual Waynesburg Miniature Railroad is now open to the public until December 23. The railroad is open for viewing Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 5-8pm at 137 Huffman Street, Waynesburg. The event is free to the public but donations are accepted. Donations will benefit breast cancer research and the Greene County Humane Society.

STARS Foundation & Lions Club Combine to Provide Thanksgiving Baskets



For a second year, STARS Foundation and The Lion's Club of Carmichaels collaborated to provide Thanksgiving dinner baskets to area families through the Sharing the Harvest program. The baskets were filled by members of The Leo Club and were hand delivered by representatives from both The Lion's Club and STARS Foundation.



Joe Kirsch
PMEA D1 HONORS BAND

2024 PMEA District 1 Honors Band

This fall, Waynesburg Central HS Senior Joe Kirsch auditioned for the 2024 PMEA District 1 Honors Band (Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington, Greene, and Fayette Counties). He earned one of the top four spots for trumpet and performed at the PMEA Honors Band Festival in November 2024 in Pittsburgh.

CLASSIFIEDS

Nordic Track Ski Machine - Free. 724-499-5148

Reloading supplies, ammo, brass, bullets, primers, powder, decoys, turkey calls and other hunting/shooting accessories and utilities. Cash only, No Holds. 724-725-5331

Whirlpool 220v stovetop range, bisque, \$300. Noritake China Set #48, 8 setting, 70 pieces, \$50. Swagman 3 bike rack, 1 1/4" towbar hitch, \$700. 3 Quad Camp chairs, adult 2 child, aluminum frame, nylon fabric, \$30. Camp Set-camel tent, dining fly, sleeping bag, heater, \$125. Coleman double wide/high inflatable bed, \$45. 412-582-2544.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Denny House!

Looking for a festive way to ring in the New Year without traveling far? Join us at the Denny House for an unforgettable evening filled with fun, food, and entertainment!

When: Tuesday, December 31st

Where: The Denny House 145 W High Street Waynesburg, PA

Back by popular demand, renowned DJ Jonny Hartwell will be returning to host this year's celebration. Currently the morning voice of WWSW (94.5/3WS) from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. each weekday, Jonny brings years of on-air experience from Pittsburgh's top stations, including WBZZ/B94, WZPT/100.7, and WLTJ/92.9.

Affectionately known as "Jonny Palooza" in radio circles, Jonny is famous for his passion for games, good times, and creating unforgettable experiences. Expect an evening brimming with his sig-

nature energy, lively games, and exciting giveaways.

Highlights of the Evening:

- Prime Rib Buffet with all the trimmings
- Midnight Grazing Table to keep the festivities going.
- Champagne Toast & Balloon Drop to welcome the New Year in style.
- Complimentary Rides Home to ensure a safe end to your night.

Spaces are limited, so make your reservation today!

For tickets, email: innkeeper@dennyhousewb.com or call 724-710-8056

Don't miss out on this extraordinary New Year's Eve celebration at the Denny House. We guarantee a night of laughter, memories, and plenty of fun to kickstart 2025!

This Message Board Is For You!

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

DO YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR HEART AND YOUR HOME?



BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

You can apply to be a foster parent if you...

- are at least 21 years old,
- are married, single or living with partner,
- have sufficient income to meet your own family's needs,
 - are in good health,
- can make room in your home and heart for children in need.

Did you know...

- All children need permanent, loving family connections in order to grow and develop.
- Foster families are needed to provide temporary care for children who are not able to live with their birth families.
- Over 70 percent of children in foster care who become freed for adoption, are adopted by their foster families.



Call: 724.852.5217

www.GCFosterCare.com



Find us on Facebook GC Foster Care



Lifetime
Awnings
Veteran Owned & Operated

Lifetime
Lifetime Warranty
Warranty

Merry
Christmas

CALL ABOUT WINTER PRICES

RETRACTABLE AWNINGS
ALUMINUM AWNINGS
EPS ROOF SYSTEMS
SCREEN & SHADE SYSTEMS

MADE IN AMERICA

724-554-6067 • WWW.LIFETIMEAWNINGS.COM

It Happened Here!

Opening of New Greene Twp Municipal Building

Greene Township was pleased to hold the opening of a new municipal building at 243 Garards Fort Road in Garards Fort, PA. A ribbon cutting was held on November 19 at 10am, and open house followed until 1pm. T

he township supervisors, Kenny Kiger (chairman), Ike Lewis and Greg Switalski wish to express their thanks for

awarded a second LSA grant of \$128,000 for a new dump truck for the township. Without opportunities like these, a low tax base township like ours would not be able to make these kinds of improvements and purchases.”

Celebrity Barista Day at RGB

Instead of gathering papers and preparing tests, Waynesburg University administrators and faculty donned aprons and prepped espresso machines as they took over local fan-favorite coffee shop RGB Coffee on Nov. 12 as part of their Celebrity Barista event to benefit local students. Seven WU employees participated in the event, including Associate Dean of Students Patricia Bristor, Track & Cross-Country Coach Chris Hardie, and Professor of Art Andrew Heisey (the latter treating all attendees and customers to



The ribbon cutting of the new Greene Twp. municipal building.

programs that have made it possible for a small municipality like Greene Township to be able to improve the infrastructure to better serve local residents.

The municipal office has, for many years, been in the basement of the old schoolhouse. The new building was funded through an LSA (Local Share Account) grant, ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds donated funds from various companies and a small amount of Impact Fee money. No tax revenue was used to fund the building.

Judith Hamlin, township secretary, stated “We are very pleased to have been awarded the LSA grant. The state, county and our state representatives work hard and making sure we are informed of grant and funding opportunities. We have also been

a solo bagpipe performance complete with matching kilt outside the shop).

Students and community members alike had the opportunity to vote on which team member was the best barista for bragging rights by donating “tips” to help fund Sting’s Pantry, an on-campus kiosk created and maintained by Patricia Bristor and her team four years ago that gives underprivileged students access to food, snacks, and personal care items.

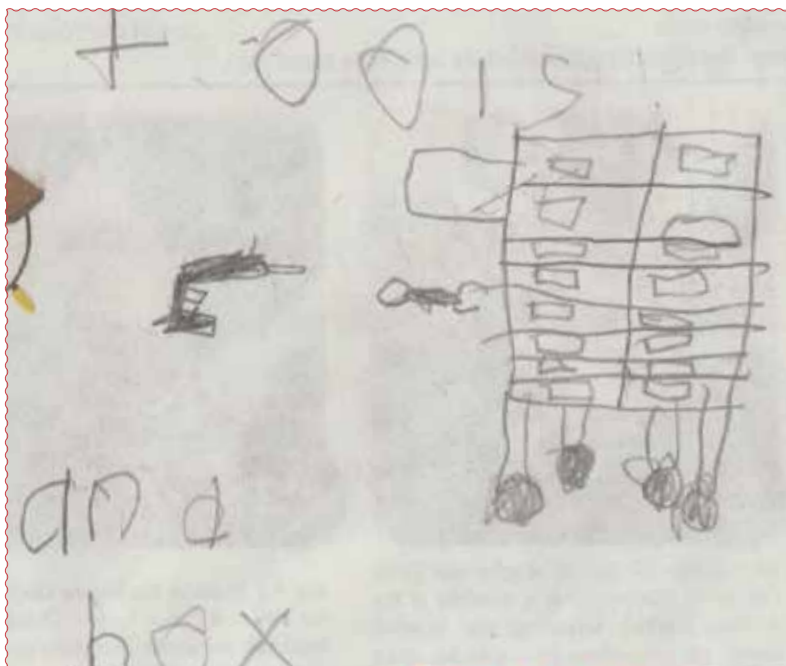


Celebrity barista day at RGB Coffee in Waynesburg.

Dear Santa,

I would like a toy tractor, tools and tool box, boots (size 3), a clock, some clothes, and elves.

From Donald (age 8)



After the donations were tallied, Bristor came out as the victorious Celebrity Barista and was thrilled to help support the cause she created.

“We saw there was a need for students and after some brainstorming, we created the pantry to fill it,” Bristor said. “The Celebrity Barista event was created to help us raise funds to help replenish the pantry as needed.”

If you're interested in helping keep Sting's Pantry full, reach out to Bristor at (724) 852-3315 or by email at pbristor@waynesburg.edu. Both cash and ready-to-eat food items and/or toiletry items donations are accepted. *By Michelle Zeigler*

Merry TUBACHRISTMAS!

Waynesburg University's Department of Fine Arts hosted TUBACHRISTMAS on Friday, Dec. 6, in the Goodwin Performing Arts Center. Everyone was welcome to attend this free concert.

Tuba, baritone, sousaphone and euphonium players were invited to participate in this festive concert. Registration and rehearsal for participants began shortly after, at 6pm.

Since 2008, Waynesburg University has hosted a regional TUBACHRISTMAS concert on its campus. The annual event showcases a selection of traditional Christmas carols performed by the TUBACHRISTMAS ensemble.

MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS® is now celebrating its 51st year (1974-2024). Created by Harvey Phillips, MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS® 2024 concerts will be presented in over 300 cities throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. First and foremost, may we give respect, thanks and recognition to Dr. Harvey G. Phillips. Phillips who was inspired to create TUBACHRISTMAS® as an annual event honoring his mentor/teacher, friend and associate, the late great tubist William J. Bell (born Christmas Day, 1902). Every Christmas season, tuba and euphonium players of all ages, from specific geographic areas, gather to pay respect - Harvey G. Phillips and William J. Bell - all the great artists/teachers who represent their heritage. Every TUBACHRISTMAS® performance features traditional Christmas carols especially arranged (for the first TUBACHRISTMAS®, December 22, 1974 on “The Rink at Rockefeller Center”) by American composer Alec Wilder (died Christmas Eve, 1980). Through Wilder, TUBACHRISTMAS® concerts pay grateful tribute to composers who have embraced these noble instruments with solo

and ensemble compositions. Depending on the population of any given geographic area, TUBACHRISTMAS® ensembles may attract multiples of 100 participating performers aged 8 to over 92 years! It is no wonder why the warm toned, smooth organ sounds of the tuba-euphonium choir has won the ears and hearts of every audience, making a TUBACHRISTMAS® concert an established Christmas tradition in cities throughout the world.

WU Jazz Ensemble Performs Fall Concert

The Waynesburg University Music Program's jazz ensemble presented a fall concert on Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Roberts Chapel.

The jazz ensemble, directed by Jeremy Olisar, is one of the group music performance options available in the Music Program. The ensemble meets weekly in the evening to prepare one concert each semester. Students immerse themselves in the American art form of jazz music, learning swing, bop and funk styles while incorporating music theory and improvisation.

Holiday Brass Spectacular Wraps Up WU's 175th Anniversary

Waynesburg University concluded its 175th Anniversary celebration with a Holiday Brass Spectacular concert performed by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Brass Section in Roberts Chapel Tuesday, Dec. 3. The event was open to the public.

A pre-concert Holiday Village was set up in Johnson Commons from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. that same evening.

“We are excited to welcome back this Holiday Spectacular to Greene County as Waynesburg University's 175th Anniversary year comes to a close,” said Stacey Brodak, Waynesburg University's vice president for institutional advancement and university relations.

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra began a holiday tradition of presenting this brass concert in Heinz Hall to sold out crowds. Last year, Greene County and the surrounding communities had the opportunity to enjoy a preview of that performance on campus. Waynesburg University was pleased to welcome them back this year as it closed out its milestone anniversary year.

Hailed as one of the world's finest orchestras, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra has been the standard of culture in Pennsylvania for over a hundred years. For the second time, that artistry came to Waynesburg in a festive holiday performance of brass music celebrating the holiday season. This Holiday Spectacular...continued on page 16

WIN A WINTER BIRD WATCHING GOODY BAG!

Not all birds fly south for the winter! Learn more about our feathered friends that stay in southwestern PA during the cold weather by answering the questions below. Send us your answers for a chance to win a Wintertime Goody Bag from Wild Birds Unlimited Morgantown worth over \$150!

Worth \$150+!

These slate-gray snowbirds originate from Canada and love to sleep and settle in native evergreen trees.

Easily visible during the snowy months, these omnivorous songbirds are a “Regular Show” at any local bird feeder during the winter.

Nature's greatest example of true love! These black and white mate for life and stick around PA all year round.

With a distinct look between males and females, this legendary red bird supposedly appears when angels are near.

This resourceful songbird with a slightly risqué name stays put during the cold months by taking advantage of bird feeders filled with their favorite seeds and eating snow as a replacement for liquid water.

Name: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____

Mail to: GreeneScene Contest, 185 Wade Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370. One entry per person per category. Drawing on 1-13-25. Winner must respond within 24 hours of notification to receive prize.

It Happened Here!

is sure to usher in the merry season!

Twelve members of the symphony brass and percussion sections of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra performed works from the Baroque era, along with arrangements of beloved holiday melodies.

Over the past year, Waynesburg University has celebrated its 175th Anniversary. The theme of the year-long celebration, "175 Years of Light," focused on honoring the University's mission as well as its motto, "fiat lux," or "let there be light," with a special emphasis on Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."

Dedication held at Waynesburg U. for The Baily Room

A dedication was held in Waynesburg University's Benedum Dining Hall for The Baily Room Tuesday, Nov. 5, as a part of the University's ongoing 175th Anniversary celebration.

Formerly known as the Benedum Glass Room, the space was renamed The Baily Room after a generous donation to the 175 Years of Light Fundraising Initiative by Mr. Charles R. "Chuck" Jr. and Mrs. Shirley R.

Baily. The Baily Room is also in honor of the Baily family's commitment to Waynesburg University and its students for more than a century.

Family and friends of the Baily's were in attendance along with University administration, faculty, staff and students.

Chuck's connection to the University spans generations. His two grandfathers received their degrees from Waynesburg College, and his grandfather, Richard L. Baily, and father, Charles R. Baily Sr., also served as chairmen of the Board of Trustees.

In 1973, Chuck and Shirley became residence hall directors for Martin Hall in conjunction with a college ministry, the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), where they served for three years. During that time, their first son, David, was born.

Afterwards, Chuck began working with his father at their family's agency, Baily Insurance Agency, in Waynesburg, and Shirley began teaching within the University's Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics. She remained an instructor, both in part-time and full-time capacities, for 25 years.

Over the years, their Waynesburg roots have continued to grow, as their oldest and youngest sons, David ('98) and Tim ('03), have become alumni. David also serves as a member of the University's Alumni Council, along with Tim's wife, Alexa (MA '21), who is an alumna and part-time instructor. David, Tim and Chuck and Shirley's middle son, Mike, continue the family's legacy at Baily Insurance Agency. Mike's wife, Cari ('00), is also an alumna of the University.

Chuck and Shirley have

remained generous supporters of the University throughout their lives and have dedicated much of their time to engaging with students on campus. They and other family members have continued to be strong financial supporters of The Richard L. Baily Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was created in 1992 by Richard's wife and three children to benefit graduates of Carmichaels Area High School and honor Chuck's grandfather's lifelong friendship with former President Paul R. "Prexy" Stewart and Waynesburg College.

Breakfast with Santa

The Greene County Department of Parks and Recreation hosted its 20th Breakfast with Santa at the Fairgrounds on December 7. The tradition has delighted a generation of children, who bring their Christmas list to Santa before enjoying pancakes and sausage with the recreation staff.

The event was the brainchild of Recreation Administrative Assistant Traci Sokol. From the beginning, Sokol has organized the annual event, and it is obviously a mission of love. "I just love watching the kids' faces as they light up when they approach Santa." According to Bret Moore, the Director of Recreation, "I'm not sure who loves the event more - Traci or the kids. The whole staff pours their hearts into the event, but Traci is the point guard."

That staff includes Kevin and Charlene Pagac who do the cooking and make sure each child gets a beautifully deco-



Breakfast with Santa.



The Mystery Tree at All Things Christmas Festival.



Dedication at WU for the Baily Room.

ADD YOUR EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

GreeneScene
COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



Christmas on High Street- Candy Cane Lane

rated gingerbread cookie. In addition, intern Isabelle Bazzoli provides craft activities while the children wait their turn to see the big guy. Part of the craft activities include crayons and coloring books donated by Direct Results.

“Our maintenance staff also does a great job building the backdrop and setting-up for the event,” said Moore. “We are very grateful to our sponsor, the Greene County Farm Bureau. They are always very generous supporting our activities,” he added.

Each child receives a personal handwritten response to their letters. Every year, the letters elicit tears of laughter, joy, and occasional heartache from Santa’s helpers as they make sure the requests reach their destination at the North Pole.

All Things Christmas Festival

The annual All Things Christmas Festival in Carmichaels was held the week of December 2, ending with the live drawing on Saturday, December 7, during the Carmichaels Christmas festivities.

The annual event raises funds for the Cumberland food pantry with drawings for decorated Christmas trees. Local community members, businesses, and organizations build beautiful trees, usually around a central theme, and attendees buy raffle tickets...continued on page 18

WAYNESBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE

By Aubrey Lesnett

As the weather gets colder, we’re inching closer and closer to one of our most beloved holidays - Christmas. A longtime yearly tradition in Greene County is our annual Christmas parade, having started in 1938 with an estimated 7,000 people attending.

Greene County Chamber of Commerce has hosted the parade since its beginning. It is the largest community service project organized by the chamber on behalf of its member businesses county wide. People throughout the state discussed the first parade because Santa’s truck ran out of gas! Through the course of the parade, there’s typically around 90 floats/displays to see, which comprise bands, local royalty, fire trucks, floats, and various other entries. This wonderful event occurs on the first Saturday of December each year, and Waynesburg University has filmed it for many years.

Our very own Greene County Fair Queen, Miss Eryka Hackney, was in attendance. When asked what she thinks is so special about this parade, she said, “This parade is so special to Greene county because of the magnificent Christmas spirit that everyone has. From the Christmas songs playing to the dancers showcasing their talents and the royalty like myself representing their community it truly is amazing!”

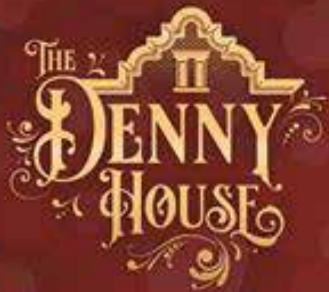
Eryka rode in the parade alongside her fellow Greene County Fair Royalty: Greene

County Fair Junior Princess Ashdyn Kern, Little Princess Claire Borovichka, and Mini Princess Kaelyn Duncan.

Some of the floats in the parade comprised the truck for Shelby’s Poles For Kids, an organization in memory of Shelby Barnhart & Childhood Cancer Awareness, with inflatable dogs and bears on the back of their truck fishing, with some presents in the back. Another notable float was the Frozen float, which took home the prize for the best design.

Eryka wasn’t the only person who had positive remarks about the parade. When I was walking around before the parade, I asked some of the individuals in attendance what they think is so special about the parade, and what keeps them coming every year. Common responses included the holiday spirit that you can feel while just standing on the side of the road watching the parade, and getting to see all the beautiful and creative floats that come out year after year. Parents that brought their children praised how nice it is to see the smiles on their children’s faces as they get to watch all the different floats and trucks, and even horses in the parade - especially getting to see Santa at the end.

Needless to say, this parade helps to get the holiday spirit flowing through Greene County, and is a timeless tradition that many love to experience.



Valentine's Day Dinner

Friday February 14th - 5:30pm & 7:30pm
Saturday February 15th - 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Enjoy a dinner for two as you are serenaded with piano music, surrounded by history with an unforgettable gourmet meal.

Meal includes Appetizers, Rolls, Salad, Your Choice of Two Entrees (Chicken or Steak), Chocolate Covered Strawberries, Dessert, a Glass of Champagne, and Beverages

Vegetarian & Gluten-Free Options Available with Proper Notice

\$100 per person. Reservations required. Limited seating.

FMI: 724-710-8056

email: innkeeper@dennyhousewbg.com



IN-HOME AND MOBILE VISITS AVAILABLE

GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTH THIS CHRISTMAS!

SERVICES:

LAB WORK

(blood draws, urine culture, stool samples, etc)

EKG'S

TOXICOLOGY

(urine, hair follicle, breath alcohol, saliva alcohol, DOT and non DOT)

DNA TESTING

EARLY GENDER

COVID TESTING



NOW OFFERING SEMAGLUTIDE
MEDICAL WEIGHT LOSS (OZEMPIC)

(724) 562-4345

INFO@LABWORXXSWPA.COM

70A LEBANON AVE. UNIONTOWN, PA 15401



It Happened Here!

they hope to win.

The top three trees in the raffle were the Nutcracker Cashtree, donated by The Carmichaels Women's Civic Club; The Mystery Tree, donated by Mystery Finds; and the Christmas Movie Night, donated by the First Christian Church.

This year's event raised \$9,059 for the food bank. It's wonderful to see the community supporting others in the community!

Christmas Open House

The annual Greene County Historical Society Christmas Open House was held on December 7 and 8. Volunteers decorated the interior rooms beautifully with traditional style decorations, garlands on the railings, candles in the windows and beautiful Christmas Trees everywhere!

The staff and volunteers of the GCHS were overwhelmed by the generosity of local citizens, businesses and organizations with the sets of Christmas Tree decorations and raffle items they donated to help support the museum. Members of the com-

munity were also generous in donating canned and nonperishable food items to support friends and neighbors at the Corner Cupboard Food Bank.

While the museum was unable to put on the much-loved puppet show this year, other entertainment could be found with the small model train display, visits with Santa in both days, vintage radio demonstrations, and treat bags for the children. And, of course, self-guided tours of the museum allowed visitors to explore its many interesting artifacts.

On Saturday, as visitors were leaving the open house, they were given an amazing experience with a stunning sunset over the museum and Rolling Meadows Road! All in all, the GCHS Christmas Open House was an amazing time filled with kindness and generosity.

Christmas on High Street

Although the brisk winds and chilly temperature might have kept some people bundled up in their homes, it didn't stop many members of the community from coming out to celebrate Christmas on High Street, meet Santa, and watch this year's Christmas tree light up the night.

Vendors could be found under the big white tent selling their wares - books, alpaca fiber gifts, Christmas ornaments, woodcrafts, and more. Food vendors lined different part of the streets, and many local businesses kept their doors open for special hours, hoping to attract attendees as they took part in Small Business Saturday and gathered for the tree lighting.

Candy Cane Lane stretched down the road along the courthouse, sharing information about community programs and services, ending with Growing Up Greene's 5th annual Children's Winter Gear Distribution. Blankets, coats, clothes, shoes and more were available for area children to drop by and pick up - just in time for the cold weather to hit!



The Waynesburg-Franklin Twp. Fire Company and its Auxiliary, this year's event organizers, were in four booths on the other side of the courthouse, selling food, while children gathered at their activity tables. Other attendees headed further down the road to get their free caricature done.

Traveling up and down High Street was a wagon drawn by two large draft horses, offering wagon rides to attendees. And every so many feet, groups gathered along the burn barrels to warm themselves as the temperatures dropped.

The tree lighting was held at 6pm, fol-

lowed by children's visits with Santa. The first 200 kids received Christmas presents from Santa. The event was capped off with a new-this-year fireworks display. What a way to kick off Greene County's Christmas season!



A beautiful sunset greeted visitors at the GCHS Christmas Open House.



AMISH METAL ROOFING

We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas!

METAL ROOFING THAT IS MADE TO LAST!

 **AMETALROOFING3@GMAIL.COM**
AMISH-METAL-ROOFING.COM

Residential & Commercial **QUALITY AMISH CRAFTSMANSHIP**

724-919-7091

FREE ESTIMATES FULLY INSURED

40-year warranty
40-year fasteners

PA#189863

NovaCare™
REHABILITATION

Offering outpatient physical and occupational therapy programs in orthopedics, sports medicine and hand therapy.

JOHN KUSHNER, MPT, ATC
1490 E. High St. • Waynesburg, PA 15370
724-627-9489

GREENE COUNTY REPRESENTS WVU AT MACY'S DAY PARADE By Zack Zeigler

For families across the country, it is a Thanksgiving tradition to get up and watch the annual Macy's Day Parade. Many dream of attending the event and, for one Carmichaels, Pennsylvania native, not only did she achieve that dream, but she took it one step further - marching in the annual event.

"We always had [the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade] on Thanksgiving morning and it was a life goal of mine to get to go and see it," said Maria Rankin. "It was just a surreal experience to be there, and I still find myself unable to comprehend it. Just walking down the parade route, I just couldn't wrap my head around it."

Rankin is a member of the West Virginia University marching band, which was not only selected to march in the parade but led Santa down Herald Square on 34th Street. It was a chance for the 5th year senior not only to support her university, but to represent the people of Greene County and the surrounding area.

"It is a really big deal to think we went from a small town in Greene County to the big stage," said Rankin. "After the parade was over, I got the chance to talk to my high school band director at Carmichaels [Jonna Walker] and wish her Happy Thanksgiving and got to thank her because I wouldn't be half the musician I am today without her."

Rankin and the WVU Marching band found out they were selected for the parade a year ago at the Backyard Brawl football game between WVU and

the University of Pittsburgh. The news came at a time when Rankin was deciding whether she was going back to school for her fifth year, and the news was a deciding factor for her. The band worked tirelessly for several months preparing the show and, when the day finally came, it became real for both Rankin and her fellow band members.

"We had to be on the bus at 2:30am and by 3am we were walking through New York City," said Rankin. "We got to run through the show in Herald Square twice and there were cameras and monitors everywhere so you could see what was going out on TV. In between takes, everyone was looking at each other and we all realized that this was real. When it came to parade day, it was the best we did the whole time. Listening back to the recording, you could hear every piece of the band, and it gives me chills listening to it."

To other band kids at home who watched Maria and her team march, Rankin says never give up on your dreams, no matter how big they are.

"I would say it is just a matter of don't doubt yourself," said Rankin. "I never thought I would be in a college band or going to my dream school at WVU. You may not think that you're the best, but you can do anything."



HONORING GREENE'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

By Morgan Marisa

As the country eases into the holiday season, with all the joy and chaos that accompanies it, it's a perfect opportunity to reminisce on all the gatherings of years past with loved ones who may not be present anymore but are far from forgotten. We may have to thank some of those distant loved ones for much more than stories to pass on through the generations. Some are the sole reason why we can celebrate annual traditions as a free, independent nation. The Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.) ensures that those who fought for and dreamt of a free nation are forever remembered.

To honor Revolutionary War soldiers who have been buried in Greene County, the Fort Jackson Chapter of the S.A.R. recently constructed a monument in Veterans Memorial Park on Rolling Meadows Road. The S.A.R. is a national organization with its own society in each state with various chapters throughout the state, whose mission is to promote awareness of the sacrifices made by Revolutionary War veterans, to document family history and to improve public education of the Revolutionary War.

"We wanted to identify those Revolutionary War veterans buried in Greene County and mark their graves but found this to be impossible to include them all due to missing or unidentifiable graves and cemeteries," said Terry Grimes, member of the Fort Jackson Chapter since 1978 and treasurer since 1980. "It was then decided to erect a monument and include a Memory Medallion to name each veteran."

The monument was the brainchild of the chapter's president, Rodney Grimes, and was approved by the chapter at their March 2024 meeting. Grimes also helped design the monument alongside the chapter's vice president, David Ricciuti, and local monument expert Todd Moore.

Terry Grimes emphasized that they hope those who visit the monument will walk away with "an appreciation of the dedication and bravery of the RW soldier in the creation of our great country," and hopes the structure will help edu-

cate the public of the names of the local soldiers who were put to rest there.

A dedication was held for the monument on November 11, which featured speeches from Rodney Grimes and Todd Moore. They were joined by the president of the Pennsylvania Society of the S.A.R., Kurt Winter, the Greene County Coordinator of Project 250, JoAnne Marshall, and the president of Memory Medallion, Inc., Glenn Toothman. Three members of the S.A.R. George Washington Chapter dressed in period clothing to serve as Color Bearers, presenting and retiring the flags for the ceremony. Sandy Logan presented patriotic hymns and Terry Grimes acted as M.C. Attendees also included Greene County commissioners, members of the Veterans Park Committee, members of the Fort Jackson Chapter, and several members of the public.

The Fort Jackson Chapter is looking forward to installing a separate stand to permanently display the Memory Medallion and placing a flagpole. They hold monthly meetings to discuss similar topics and host lectures on topics relevant to the Revolutionary War presented by a variety of speakers. They invite any persons who can prove their lineage to a Revolutionary War Veteran to consider applying for membership at their chapter or their sister organization, the John Corbly Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Over 2,000 years ago, a child's birth was celebrated with gifts.
Today, you can continue the tradition.

Every child conceived is created in His image. Our Primary Purpose is to show compassion and understanding to persons in distress as a result of unwanted pregnancy, and offer sympathetic support and real help. Entirely non-profit, LOCAL and completely volunteer, we need your support. The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Greene County, Inc. provides accurate and effective information and trained staff concerning sexual abstinence, pregnancy health, adoption, abortion risks, and parenting, in addition to material support to those in need.

Make your tax deductible contribution of money (any amount,) to:
Crisis Pregnancy Center, P.O. Box 562, Waynesburg, PA 15370

To donate material needs or your time, call 724-627-6819.

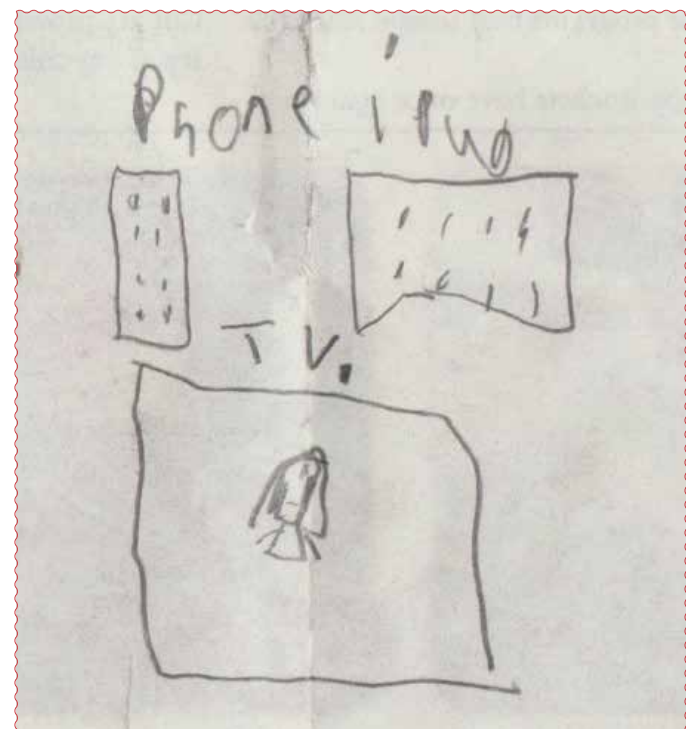
Crisis Pregnancy Center
of Greene County

"God knew us and formed us in our mother's womb" ~Psalm 139:13-16

Dear Santa,

I would like to get a phone, and iPad, and a TV.

From Kyla (age 9)



Where's is the Winter Wayne Express Heading?

We didn't have any winners with the correct answers last month, so we're going to give you a second chance at winning! Do you know where the Winter Wayne Express is stopping on its special holidays trip around Greene County? Guess the locations for each of its stops to **WIN \$50!**

WIN \$50!



Name: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____

Mail to: GreeneScene Contest, 185 Wade Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370. **One entry per person per category. Drawing on 1-13-25.** Winner must respond within 24 hours of notification to receive prize.

Dear Santa,
 I would like dinosaurs, a Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, a Donald Duck house, a Minnie Mouse, a monster truck, and a new cup.

From Logan (age 3)

GreeneScene by Aubrey Lesnett



THANKS FOR GIVING COMMUNITY DAY

There's always a lot of events during the months of November and December. The "Thanks for Giving Community Day, organized by the Greene County Human Services, sponsored by several community partners, and worked by volunteers, is one of those holiday events created to give back to the community,

The event had fifty-six vendors that shared not only information on their services but also provided various onsite ser-

vices such as health screenings, nutrition information, access to all human service programs as well as other services offered throughout the county. There was also information on the drug take back program that helps folks dispose of unused medications properly.

While the event was open to all residents of Greene County, the event was also especially aimed to service the elderly and veterans. During this event the community food bank was able to distribute free Thanksgiving food boxes; they served 312 families, with approximately 903 individuals.

Tammy Henderson and Marcy Maletta from Greene County Human Services shared that this is only the second year for the event to be held locally. Before that, participants had to travel to Pitts-

burgh to attend the same type of event, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Human League, that wasn't geared toward county-specific resources. It wasn't a totally wasted trip for attendees, by bringing the event to Greene County would serve the local community so much better, linking the community to the services closest to them.

Along with the Thanksgiving boxes, participants were also treated to a box lunch, sponsored by CNX and prepared and served by culinary students from Greene County Career and Technology. The event also had student volunteers from West Greene and Jefferson Morgan high schools.

The organizers are very grateful for the participation of an impressive list of sponsors. The organizers sent out thank you notes to the participating sponsors, sharing they



JM students assisted at the event.

were thankful for the generosity and compassion they collectively have for the local community and their help making a positive impact here. It truly does take a village.

With Thanksgiving over, the organizers turned their sights to Christmas. They will be sponsoring Sensory Santa at the Family Center on December 21.

Next years event is already in the works; it will be held in November. They are hoping to add to the vendors and to serve more folks in the community.

By Tracy Horne

A RADIOACTIVE PERFORMANCE: WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY PLAYERS PERFORM "RADIUM GIRLS" AS NEW DIRECTOR'S DEBUT

By Michelle Zeigler

The Waynesburg University Players Theatre Department "illuminated" the Goodwin Performing Arts Center on Nov. 20-23 by performing "Radium Girls" by D.W. Gregory. Twelve students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, took to the stage to portray the infamous real-life story of the Radium Girls, a group of women from New Jersey who suffered from radiation poisoning after being exposed to and ingesting radium-laced paint to produce glowing watches for soldiers during World War I and their fight for justice and compensation against the malicious U.S. Radium Corporation for who knew about the danger of radium long before WWI even began. These students were able to relate this historic story to the Greene County public for four amazing nights under the watch of their new Director of Theatre, Tedd Watts.

Watts, a native of Meadville, PA, has familial ties to Waynesburg University and was thrilled to take this position at the beginning of the Fall 2024 semester. Watts has an extensive Theatre background, having majored in Musical Theatre at Point Park University and received his FMA at the Actor's Studio at Pace University in New York City. He has acting and directing credits at established theatres across the country, including Musical Theatre West in Los Angeles, the Bucks County Playhouse in Eastern PA, and the Pittsburgh CLO. He has also directed several celebrities in the past, including MASH star Loretta Swit. Watt came into this position through connections in the Pittsburgh theatre scene and is thrilled to be able to help young actors grow their talents and learn new skills.

"These students are some of the most willing and talented actors I have worked with," Watts said. "I picked this show because not only was it a great fit and challenge for the students, but also because it's an important story. It's a true story and the show's difficult themes, such as the treatment of women in our society and workers' rights, are still relevant today. We still have these issues today and the story helps us reflect on

the past to better shape our future."

Sophomore Liz DeChellis starred as the play's protagonist, Grace Fryer, a real young woman who was afflicted with several ailments from her exposure to the radioactive paint as a teenager and faced challenges both with the legal system and her personal relationships. At first, DeChellis was intimidated to play a character that was a real person, but quickly adjusted to accurately portray Fryer. "I prioritized not only keeping her legacy alive but also thinking about what she would think of if she were to see this show," DeChellis said. "She was a brave person who fought for her rights. She paved the way for other women to talk about their struggles and it was so important to me to make sure that I got her as accurate as possible to show how she went through this tragedy."

Photos by Paul Hicks.



Liz DeChellis (center right) and her costars portraying the True Story of the Radium Girls in the Infamous Factory that produced the Watches



The Cast of Radium Girls and their New Director Tedd Watt

The Turkey Has Trotted!

2024 Eva K. Bowlby Turkey Trot Results

5K WALK

Female 1 to 14

- 1 Kaitlyn Courtwright, Holbrook PA
- 2 Elaina Bezell, Waynesburg PA
- 3 Lillian Yeater

Female 20 to 29

- 1 Paige Green, Gibsonia PA
- 2 Storm Bowser, Adah PA
- 3 Morgan Sholtis

Female 30 to 39

- 1 Michelle Courtwright, Holbrook PA
- 2 Jennifer Lash, Waynesburg PA
- 3 Jessica Hackney, Wind Ridge PA

Female 40 to 49

- 1 Kelley Murdock, Washington PA
- 2 Crystal Rose, Waynesburg PA
- 3 Kristin Wells, Wind Ridge PA

Female 50 to 59

- 1 Candy Mahle, Waynesburg PA
- 2 Roxanne Moore, Eighty Four PA
- 3 Deadra Romans, Barbourville WV

Female 60 and over

- 1 Debbie Sands, Rogersville PA
- 2 Jeanie Henry
- 3 Lee Ann King, Waynesburg PA

Male 15 to 19

- 1 Easton Ketchem, Waynesburg PA

Male 20 to 29

- 1 Austin Riggelman, Waynesburg PA

Male 30 to 39

- 1 Josh Sumpter
- 2 Zack Patton, Graysville PA
- 3 Timothy Ross, Waynesburg PA

Male 40 to 49

- 1 Kevin Zimmerman
- 2 Nathan Rowsburg
- 3 Michael Romesburg, Waynesburg PA

Male 50 to 59

- 1 Robert Wells, Wind Ridge PA
- 2 Blake Headen, Wellsburg WV
- 3 Anthony Cage

Male 60 and over

- 1 J Gary Sutton, Pittsburgh PA
- 2 Dennis Cropp, Uniontown PA
- 3 Edward Mendola, Belle Vernon PA

5K RUN

Female 1 to 14

- 1 Sofie Strosnider, Waynesburg PA
- 2 Maggi Courtwright, Wind Ridge PA
- 3 Naomi Brandstetter, Clarksville PA

Female 15 to 19

- 1 Eryka Hackney, Wind Ridge PA
- 2 Ella Courtwright, Holbrook PA
- 3 Ava Montgomery, Waynesburg PA

Female 20 to 29

- 1 Kirsten Garber
- 2 Sarah Coote, Waynesburg PA
- 3 Emily Viglianco, Morgantown WV

Female 30 to 39

- 1 Angela Courtwright, Canonsburg PA
- 2 Rachel Viglianco Wagner, Morgantown WV
- 3 Julia Triano, Waynesburg PA

Female 40 to 49

- 1 Jackie Conkle, Scenery Hill PA
- 2 Kelly Kiger, Waynesburg PA
- 3 Sarah Brandstetter, Clarksville PA

Female 50 to 59

- 1 Joanne Vanhouten, Burton MI

Female 60 and over

- 1 Suzanne Natter, Pittsburgh PA
- 2 Marcia Sonneborn, West Finley PA
- 3 Janet Cunningham, Waynesburg PA

Male 1 to 14

- 1 Joel Grimes, Holbrook PA
- 2 Kameron Hackney, Wind Ridge PA
- 3 Carter Barnes, Sycamore PA

Male 15 to 19

- 1 Jackson Grimes, Holbrook PA
- 2 Levi Yeater, Aleppo PA
- 3 Charles Wagers, Claysville PA

Male 20 to 29

- 1 Levi Corbly, Waynesburg PA
- 2 Chase Blake, Waynesburg PA
- 3 Kaden Shields, Graysville PA 3

Male 30 to 39

- 1 Maxwell Martin, Memphis TN
- 2 Jarod Hirtz
- 3 Kevin Courtwright, Canonsburg PA

Male 40 to 49

- 1 Brian Canny, Imperial PA
- 2 Brent Lopick, Uniontown PA
- 3 Nicholas Wise, Waynesburg PA

Male 50 to 59

- 1 Douglas Basinski, Pittsburgh PA
- 2 Philip Lynch, Pittsburgh PA

Male 60 and over

- 1 Patrick Spatore, 405
- 2 David Bess, Waynesburg PA
- 3 Wayne Evron, Pittsburgh PA

Healthier smiles start at Cornerstone Care.

Cornerstone Care is here to give your smile the care it deserves. We offer general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, restorative care, and hygiene to help you maintain a healthy smile.

**Burgettstown • Greensboro • Mt Morris • Uniontown
Washington • Waynesburg • West Mifflin**



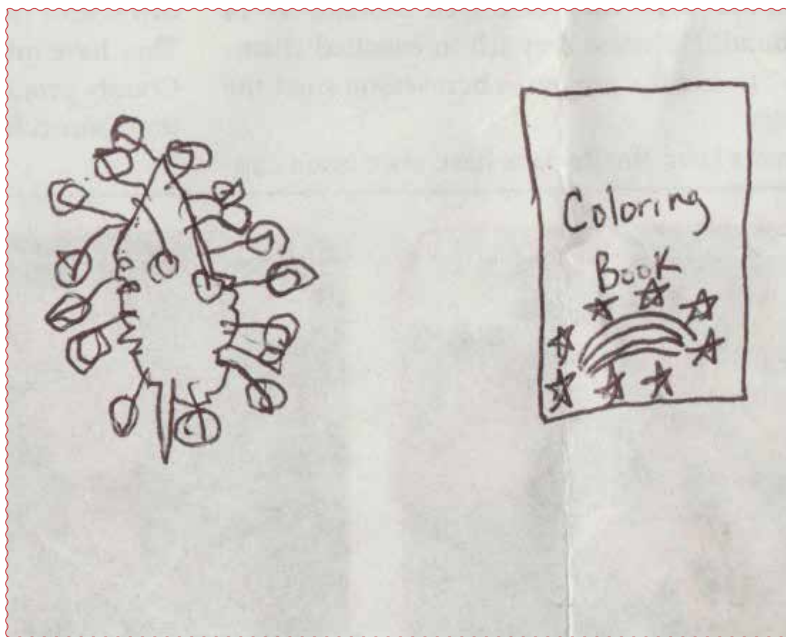
www.cornerstonecare.com



Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas - a coloring book, a learning book, and a turkey craft book or a Halloween one. I also want a big fluffy Stitch jacket, a pajama set, and shoes that are Stitch also.

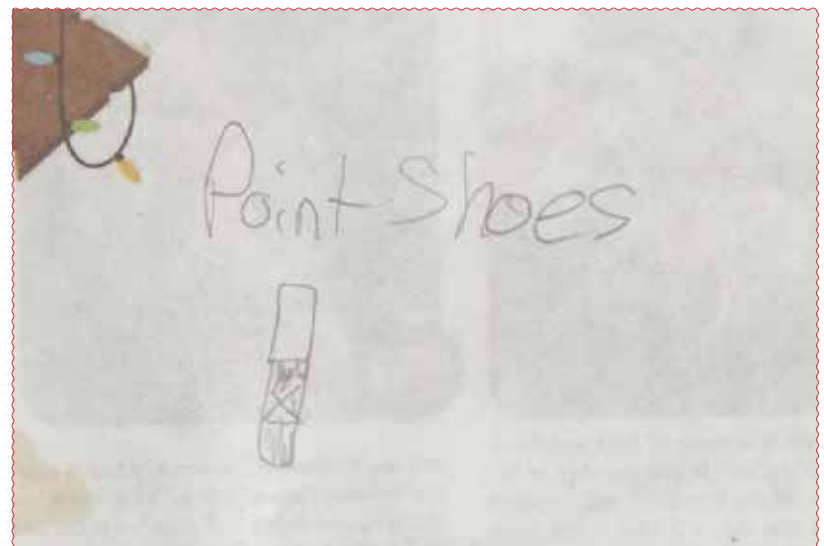
From Kendall (age 9)



Dear Santa,

My name is Addy, How are you, your elves, and reindeer? I hope you have a fun Christmas. For Christmas, I would like point shoes, an owl, converses, and for my family to have a nice Christmas! I will leave some milk a cookies (for you) and some carrots and reindeer food outside (for the reindeer)! Bye!

Love, your nice friend Addy! (age 10)





JANUARY 2025

Evee Henderson of Wind Ridge sent us this photo of Sparky the cat on a cold winter day.

MONTHLY RECURRING

EVENTS

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

Farmers Market
10am-1pm @145 W. High Street,
Waynesburg. Every Wednesday.

Open to the Public Nights at The

Denny House
5-10pm @The Denny House. Thurs-
days. Enjoy good food, spirits, live
music, and tour the historical Denny
House. FMI, call 724-710-8056 or
email innkeeper@denhousewbg.com.

Bingo

5-30pm @Greensboro VFD, Garards
Fort. Every Thursday. \$5 admission.

Build it, Make it, Do it!

Led by Dungeon Master Matthew
every Friday for adults and Saturday
for teens.

**Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Preven-
tion**
10:30-11:30am @Bowliby Library. Led
by Sheri Tucker. Cost: \$5. Every Satur-
day. Call 724-627-9776 to RSVP.

Roller Skating

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

Friends Sharing Grief

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

Fleanniken Book Club

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

Bowlby Book Club

4pm @Bowliby Library. Second
Thursday every month. This month's
book discussion is on Charles Dickens'
"A Christmas Carol. There are several
physical copies available at the front
desk. New members are always wel-
come to join! FMI, call 724-627-9776.

Coffee with Veterans

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

Warrior Trail Meeting

6:30pm @Warrior Trail Headquarters,
Garards Fort. Third Thursday monthly.

Continental Pheasant Hunt

01/18, 8am @Marianna Outdoor As-
sociation. Registration: Please go to
Mariannaoutdoors.com, then click on
the "Donate" tab. Pay \$250 and in the
Comments type "January Pheasant
Hunt".

USCCA's Defensive Pistol Program Level 1

01/24-26, 9am-5pm @Archangel De-
fense. The USCCA's Defensive Pistol
Program Level 1 is a comprehensive
course designed to help participants
develop essential defensive shooting
skills using both live-fire and dry-fire
training methods. On day one, instruc-
tor Candidates will go through the end
user experience - both classroom and
range. On day two, the DPP TC will
cover the goal, set up, brief and tips
for each of the drills involved in this

Warrior Trail Work Hike

01/25, 9:30am @Warrior Trail Midpoint
Shelter. FMI contact Frank at 724-998-
1386.

Corn Hole Tournament

01/25, 1pm @Morris Twp VFD, 1699
Browns Creek Road, Ninevah. Entry
Fee \$25. Cash prize for top three
finalists. There will also be snacks and
a 50/50.

Benefits the Morris Twp VFD of
Greene Co.

Nuther Round Band

01/25, 8:30pm @Old Station Bar &
Grille.

Fayette Food Distribution

02/13, 10am-12pm @Fresh Fire
Church, Uniontown. No January date.

program or instruction. Finally, on day three, candidates will conduct teach backs (they will play the role of DPP CI and their classmates play the role of end user) while the DPP TC subjectively and objectively evaluates their performance. Register Online at: <https://www.usconcealed-carry.com>.

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

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

Divorce Support
7pm @First Christian Church in Waynesburg on Mondays.

SOAR Meeting
6:30pm @Greene Co. Airport. First Tuesday each month. FMI, visit soarof-greenecounty.org.

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

White Covered Bridge Assoc. Meeting
7:30pm @Greene Twp. Community Building. First Tuesday each month. FMI, visit facebook.com/wcbridge

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

Mahjong Club
1-4pm @Bowlby Library on Wednesdays. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

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

4pm@Bowlby Library. Kids ages 6-12 will meet each Thursday at 4:00 in the activity room of the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library to solve a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) challenge. If you like to MAKE things, this program is for you! Call 724-627-9776 to sign-up.

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

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

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

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

Dungeons & Dragons Session
12:30pm-3:30pm @Bowlby Library.

WE'RE ALL EARS!



HAVING AN EVENT?

SHARE IT WITH US TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR PRINT AND ONLINE CALENDARS! EMAIL INFO@GREENESCENEMAGAZINE.COM.

VISIT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR AT GREENESCENEMAGAZINE.COM



FOR CONTESTS, EVENTS, NEWS, UPDATES & MORE!

JANUARY EVENTS

Movie Night

7pm @Bowlby Library. This Month's Movie is Despicable Me 4. FREE snack and beverage! Doors open at 6:45 PM. Call the library to RSVP your seat(s). 724-627-9776. Check with library for January date.

Puzzle Challenge

9:30am-12:30pm @Bowlby Library. The library is looking for 10 teams of two to compete in putting together a 500-piece puzzle in three hours or less FMI, call 724-627-9776. Check with library for January date.

Events times/dates are subject to change, especially on holidays. Please check with organizers to ensure the event is still being held or if you have any questions.

Thank you for another amazing season! We will be closed for general admission until Opening Day the last weekend of April 2025. Until we reopen, find us on Facebook @gchsofpa to stay up-to-date on events, renovations, and our 100th anniversary celebrations.

Please contact us for booking group and individual tours and activities during our off season.

See you in 2025!

Sorry We're CLOSED

Thank You Holidays! and Happy Holidays!

Greene County Museum

918 Rolling Meadows Rd., Waynesburg, PA 15370
724-627-3204 • greenecountyhistory.org



Class of 1959 65th Reunion

Wayneburg High School Class of 1959 celebrated their 65th year reunion at the Carriage House in Waynesburg's The Denny House. Pictured below are: (Seated) Shirley Yeager Blaker, Rudolph "Dolf" Hughes, Cynthia "Nincy" Orndorff, Richard "Dick" Hughes, Joanne Hundermark Pitcock; (Second Row) Jim Wood, Martha Tharp Grim, Joyce Moore Baldwin, Loretta Roupe Sanner, Bonnie Jeffries Baily, Hoanne Cowell Throckmorton; (Back Row) Jan Hyatt, John Blair, Larry Dukate, Jim Husk, Tom Blanch, Sam Fuller, Kenny Stewart, Charles McCollum.

Miss Merry Christmas 2024

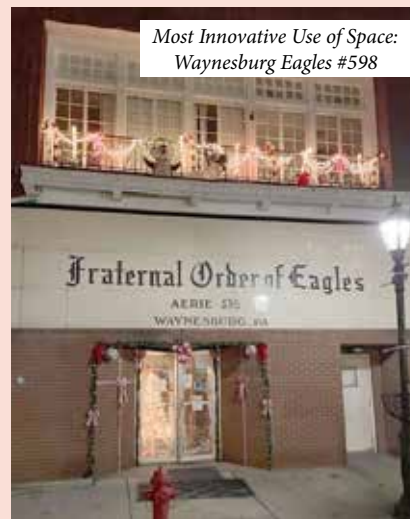
L-R: Ally Pratt (Carmichaels), Jazmine Scott (West Greene), Aiden Snider (Waynesburg), Renee Sweeney (Mapletown), Keira Schaum (Jefferson). Photo by Jeanine Henry.



WINNERS!

Survey Participants - Theresa Barth
Find the Hidden Deer - Millicent Pierce

WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS 2024



LIVING WITH HIV



**AND
NEED HELP
WITH FOOD?**



SCAN ME

[AIDSFreeWesternPA.org](https://www.aidsfreewesternpa.org)

CFGC Awards over \$57,000 in Grants to Local Organizations

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC) recently announced a distribution of grants totaling over \$57,000 as a part of CFGC's Fall Community Grants, along with a grant from a donor advised fund.

Twelve grants totaling over \$37,000 were awarded through the Foundation's Fall Community Grant application process. An additional \$17,745 was approved through a donor advised fund, and an anonymous donor donated \$3,000 for a local nonprofit.

"We are honored to partner with businesses and members of the community to help our nonprofits address the needs of our children, adults and families," said Lori Palletta-Davis, Chairperson of the Foundation. "These grants are made possible through the generosity of local residents and businesses who established funds at CFGC to support local programs."

Ten grants were awarded through the CFGC Fall Community Grants for the following projects:

- \$500 for the Ruling Our eXperience (ROX) Girls group project at Jefferson-Morgan Jr/Sr High School from the Cindy's Wind Fund for Women and Girls.
- \$2,000 for the Dress for Success Mobile Services Unit in Greene County from the Forever Greene Fund.
- \$2,500 for the WWJD Christian Center Pavilion from the Forever Greene Fund.
- \$5,000 for Project Lifesaver at the County of Greene EMS from the Forever Greene Fund.
- \$3,000 for the Greene County American Revolution War Veterans Project from the Forever Greene Fund.
- \$2,500 for the County of Greene Human Services "It Take A Village" program from the Forever Greene Fund.
- \$2,500 for Junior Achievement of SW PA "JA Biz Town" program funded from the Forever Greene Fund.
- \$3,000 to Growing Up Greene for "Greene County Coats for Kids" event from the EQT GIVE Greene Fund.
- \$7,661 to Greene ARC for Medical Equipment

Acquisition from the L&M Medical Needs Fund.

- \$5,000 to SPHS (Southwestern PA Human Services) for the CARE Center from the L&M Medical Needs Fund.
- One grant was awarded from the Consol Energy Excellence in Education Fund to Central Greene School District:
- \$490 to Jordan Kovach for Small Group Instructional Materials.
- One grant was awarded from the EITC Innovative Educational Fund to Greene County Career and Technology Center:
- \$3,000 for the CTC Eats Food Truck Menu Screens.

Additionally, over \$20,000 was awarded from one donor advised fund and from an anonymous donor:

From the James and Jackie Campbell Family Fund - \$17,745 to Blueprints for the Home Delivered Meals program and upgrades to the Central Kitchen.

From an anonymous donor - \$3,000 to Blueprints for the Home Delivered Meals program and upgrades to the Central Kitchen.

Since 2001, CFGC has been able to award more than \$5 million in grants and scholarships that have helped meet the needs and improve lives of Greene County residents.

To learn more about our grants, or how to make a potential tax exempt gift, contact the Community Foundation by phone at 724-627-2010, email at cfgcpa@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.





ATTENTION PARENTS AND COACHES!

Do you know of an achievement in sports and would like to see it shared in Hometown Heritage? Email it to: sports@directresults.us.

Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

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

Early 20th Century Sports and Leisure in Greene

At the turn of the 20th century, Greene County was a thriving, vibrant area awash with leisure activities for all segments of society. Although most people worked long weekday hours and Sundays were reserved for religious observance, people still managed to support a variety of pastimes.

Every small town, village and church had its own baseball team. Every Fourth of July, the businessmen in Waynesburg split into the "Fats and the Leans" to play a charity doubleheader to raise money for various causes such as the library or hospital. Most of the town turned out to watch the spectacle.

Over 1,200 fans would board the W&W Railroad to watch the college take on Washington & Jefferson on the diamond. The town also supported a successful independent

team that played in the professional Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland (P.O.M.) League in 1906. Elsewhere in the County, literally, thousands of people would turn out to watch Crucible, Nemaocolin, Rices Landing, Taylortown or Carmichaels play each other. Some of the best players in the early days came from the western side of the county. Bluff, Nineveh, Aleppo, Kuhntown, and Rogersville turned out players such as Budge Tustin, Bert Crouse and Doc Throckmorton.

Football was being played at the College that first decade (the high schools would start in 1913). Waynesburg worked with Western University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) to create the "Sanity Code" in an effort to limit the professionalism that was rampant at the time. Grove City, California Normal, Bethany, and

Geneva joined in the effort to combat schools such as W&J and Carnegie Tech, who paid non-student "ringers" to dominate the games. Waynesburg's best player was an African-American named Acey Davidson, who had been raised by the Bowlby family.

Over Christmas break in 1904, a group of males at the college were bored due to the long wait between football and baseball season. Fred Hatch, the new "Athletic Coach" at the school, organized a basketball practice on the fourth floor of the "main building". Lloyd Pollock, Sam Iams, Frank Hoover, and Ross Burns recruited some friends to start the school's first team. After a few practices on the attic floor, the boys arranged to take a sleigh to Morgantown on a snowy Saturday to take on West Virginia. The young men were shocked and unprepared for "glass like floor" that awaited them. They were afraid to move for fear of falling and lost the game 81-12. To make matters worse, the snow had melted the following morning and the team was forced to walk home.

The college also held annual "Track and Field Days" that drew large crowds and heavy local news coverage. In the final year of the decade, they scheduled the college's first official meet against arch-rival W&J on June 12, 1909.

In 1901, a Waynesburg hockey team defeated Carmichaels 1-0

on the frozen Ten Mile Creek. Hockey was actually very popular around the County at the time. The games were played at the water company's dam in West Waynesburg. In 1904, there were also two Waynesburg bowling teams that competed in a league with teams from Washington and Pittsburgh. The bowling alley and roller rink were in the building that currently houses Mickey's Men's Store. There was also an ice-skating rink and theater on South Morris Street. This theater was in addition to the Opera House on High Street. Local and traveling performing groups packed those houses. Finally, that same year a Wolf and Fox Hunt drew 700 people to Dunn's Station. The hounds refused to track the wolf (which had been brought in from Kansas); however, they tracked the fox all the way to Lippencott.

I'm sure everyone who reads this column will have their own theory as to why leisure activities over a century ago were more numerous and communal than those of today. Perhaps it's the ease with which we can travel to Morgantown or Washington for alternatives. Perhaps it's the sea of entertainment available through our electronic devices. Perhaps it's just the gradual inundation of physical and mental laziness attributable to the excesses of modern society. Most likely, it's a combination of these (and other) things.

Even if our desire to return to those simpler days is a quixotic pursuit, it is important to keep this fascinating history as a part of our collective consciousness to serve as an aspirational guide.



Applications Are Being Accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom Apartments

Income limits apply. All utilities included. Rental office open weekdays between the hours of 10 am - 12 noon, and 1 pm - 4 pm. Privately owned and managed. Spacious apartments, playground & security.

MOUNTAINVIEW GARDENS

404 Mountainview Dr., Waynesburg, PA

724-627-3869





WVUMedicineChildren's

Trusted pediatric care
FOUND RIGHT HERE.

To schedule an appointment call:

855-WVU-CARE

451 Murtha Drive • Waynesburg, PA 15370 • WVUMedicine.org/Waynesburg

BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE MONTH



Ashton Batis is the daughter of Mark and Brenda Batis of Carmichaels. She has lettered for both the volleyball and softball teams. Ashton served as assistant captain of the volleyball team her junior year and captain her senior year. In addition, she was selected as First Team All-County for volleyball this year and was voted MVP by her teammates. She maintains a 4.2 GPA and is a member of the Senior Standing Committee, Student Council, Vice President of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, President of Leo Club, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is currently enrolled in the EMT certification program at Carmichaels and volunteers at the local food bank. Ashton plans to major in nursing and work in an ICU before pursuing a Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia.



Parker Andrew Hewitt is a senior member of the Mikes' football, baseball, and E-Sports teams. He is the son of Chloe Adamson and Eugene Trump; and Donny and Amber Hewitt. After graduation, Parker plans to join the Marines, where he hopes to develop discipline and leadership skills. He also aims to become a personal trainer, aspiring to own his own business and inspire others through fitness.



Jaden Tretinik is the daughter of Jimmy and Jennifer Tretinik of Waynesburg. She is a four-year letter winner in soccer, a three-year letter winner in track, and a first-year member of the basketball team. Jaden has earned All-County, All-Section, and All-WPIAL honors for soccer. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school and plans to attend UNC Charlotte in the fall and major in Chemistry/Biology.



Dalton Taylor is the son of Robin Taylor of Waynesburg. Dalton is a member of the Raiders' football, soccer and track & field teams; along with Century United 07 Boys Soccer Team. He has been named Greensports/McCracken's Pharmacy Athlete of the week, All-Section First Team for soccer, a member of the WPIAL All-Star AA soccer team, and All-Conference First Team for football. In addition, he is a two-time Section 6-AA Champion for Javelin and placed 6th in Javelin at the WPIAL AA Championship meet last year. Dalton's plans on attending college and majoring in Geology after graduation.



Samantha Zimmerman is the daughter of Jim and Sherry Zimmerman of Graysville. She is a sophomore and participates in band, cross country, girls' basketball, and softball. Samantha was a 2024 homecoming attendant and is currently in the top five of her class. In school, she is a member of the Ski Club and Science Club. Samantha was named All-County in Softball and played in the PIAA State softball playoffs last spring. In addition, she plays for the Washington Wildcats travel softball team.



Chaucer Von Scio is the son of Robert and Sara Von Scio of Sycamore. The sophomore Pioneer participates in band, cross country, basketball, and track & field. He was the 2024 homecoming escort and is currently ranked second in his class. Chaucer is also a member of the popular P20 science presentation group.



Leighana Gooden is the daughter of Rodney and Lacey Gooden of Waynesburg. She plays volleyball and basketball for the Rockets. She is also a member of the Morgantown Volleyball Club. In school, Leighana is a member of the National Honor Society and works on the yearbook staff. In her spare time she volunteers at the food bank. Her plans are to attend Waynesburg University and major in Forensic Science.



Brayden Ellsworth is the son of Bruce and Sarah Ellsworth; and Brean and Brian Fuller. He plays golf, basketball, and baseball for the Rockets. He was named All-County in baseball and also plays for the Greene County Ghosts travel team. In school, he is a member of the Science and Envirothon Clubs and a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to pursue a career in nursing.



Have a great idea for a story in the GreeneScene?

Contact us!

Email info@greenescenemagazine.com!

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

BUY • SELL • TRADE

Type or clearly print your ad of **25 words or less**, including phone#. **Ads will not be taken over the phone and must be received via mail, email, or online submission.** Free classifieds are for personal use only. Businesses ads should call 724-627-2040 and speak to an advertising specialist.

Deadline for our next publication is 1-13-25.

GreeneScene

Mail to: Free GreeneScene Classifieds
185 Wade Street • Waynesburg, PA 15370
Email to: info@GreeneSceneMagazine.com
Submit online: www.GreeneSceneMagazine.com

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOS and MAY EDIT FOR SPACE

WIN \$50!

HUNTERS' BRAG MAG

20th Annual

Take a great shot of your best shot, and you might find yourself featured in the *GreeneScene Community Magazine's 20th Annual Hunters' Brag Mag*, publishing in our February 2025 issue.

We're looking for photos of your trophy buck, beginner's luck, or the one you got with your truck (*just kidding on that last one!*). Your photo may be selected to appear in our Brag Mag. Everyone who submits a picture for consideration will go in a random drawing to win **\$50 CASH!** So send us that snapshot of you and your deer! Maybe it's the doe you got with your bow, the eight-point spread you shot with lead, even a little tyke with a spike...we want to see them all!

Send us pictures of your best shot from this hunting season, along with:

- WHEN** the picture was taken?
- WHERE** the picture was taken?
- HOW** you got the deer?
- WHO** is in the picture?
- WHERE** the hunter is from?
- WHO** is submitting the picture?

Attach jpeg files & do not allow the program to reduce size before sending. High quality digital photos (minimum 300 dpi). Email to info@greenescenemagazine.com

Send your clear, quality photographs to:
GreeneScene Magazine/Brag Mag
185 Wade St.
Waynesburg, PA 15370

All photos must be received no later than Jan. 1st, 2025 to be considered.

Elk Lodge Honors Rudy Marisa with Memorial Plaque

On Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, the Elks Club, Lodge 776, Washington PA invited the Marisa family of Waynesburg to present a memorial plaque during their monthly lodge membership meeting. Elks Lodge 776 Exalted Ruler, Tim Kane, hosted the event, which was planned for the Marisa's to give a short presentation on the trophy elk head mount previously gifted to the Elks Lodge by the late Rudy Marisa. The Elk Mount had originally been gifted by Rudy to the Waynesburg Elks Club in 2000, but then re-gifted to the Washington lodge by Rudy Marisa in 2007 after the closure of the Waynesburg Elks club. However, few at the Washington Lodge recalled the details or timeframe of how the mount had ended up in Washington and who had donated it.

The memorial plaque identifies that the elk donated by Rudy was taken in Cowdery, Colorado in September 1999 at what is now called Trophy Mountain Ranch. One Waynesburg resident member of the Washington Elks Club said he recalled driving it in the bed of a pick up truck from Waynesburg to Washington during the fall hunting season, which attracted more than a few head turns in the streets of Waynesburg and Washington and on Interstate 79 by folks that likely thought it was the largest Whitetail deer they had ever seen.

Pictured in the photo from L to R are Kurt Marisa (eldest son of Rudy), Time Kane (Lodge 776 Exalted Ruler), Jackie Marisa (wife of Rudy), Kameron Marisa (son of Rudy), Heidi McConnell (Lodge 776 Lecturing Knight), and Lynn Stubenbort (Lodge 776 Loyal Knight),



GREENE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2024 INDUCTEES

The Department of Parks and Recreation released its 2024 list of inductees into the Greene County Sports Hall of Fame. The selections were made by the Hall of Fame Committee and previously elected members of the Hall. The new members will be inducted at a ceremony held at the Denny House in January. The six new members are:

Waynesburg Central alumnae **Marissa Kalsey** participated in the U.S. Track and Field Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon this summer. She vaulted a personal-best of 4.50 Meters and finished in 13th place. The effort was a culmination of an incredible career that saw Kalsey claim three WPIAL vaulting titles and a PIAA gold medal in 2012 (she won silver in 2010). In addition, she was an eight-time NCAA Division III All-American (indoor and outdoor) at Westminster College and won the Outdoor National Championship in 2017. She was the national runner-up in 2015 and placed third in 2016.



Darrin Walls was a three-time NAIA All-American for the Waynesburg College Yellow Jackets (First Team in 1987 and 1988) and is still the school's all-time points leader with 2,442. Walls led the Jackets in scoring all four years he played, averaging 20.7 PPG. This feat is even more impressive considering four of his teammates during that era are also among the College's all-time scoring leaders. He scored 734 points his senior year and led the Jackets to a 32-3 record and an appearance in the NAIA Final Four in Kansas City. The game was televised nationally on ESPN. He was also named to the NAIA All-Tournament Team that year. Walls passed up numerous Division I transfer offers to remain with his teammates. He and fellow Peabody grad Harold Hamlin formed the nucleus of the most dynamic team of the Marisa Era.



Lou Rodavich's athletic career began at Carmichaels Area High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and baseball. On the gridiron, Rodavich was named All-County as a junior.

His senior year, he was also named All-Conference and All-WPIAL. In addition, he was named the Carmichaels Lions Club Outstanding Football Player of 1972.

He was also named All-County in basketball his senior season, averaging 15 points and 10 rebounds a game. As a power hitting catcher, he led the Mikes to the playoffs with a .400 batting average.

His career accelerated at Waynesburg College at a time when the Jackets were a nationally ranked NAIA powerhouse. He received the nickname "Radar" due to his uncanny ability to read and anticipate the opponents plays. He received All-American status his junior year after recording 125 individual tackles (18 TFLs), and two fumble recoveries. His senior year, he reached even greater heights when he was named First-Team All-NAIA after racking up 148 tackles (15 TFLs), three sacks, three pass deflections, and two fumble recoveries.



Harry Theofiledes was one of the key players who started Waynesburg College's football renaissance in the mid-1960s. He was a four-sport standout for the Jackets from 1962-65. In his senior year, he was named First Team NAIA All-American as a defensive back and second team as a quarterback. While at Waynesburg, he lettered in football, basketball, track and baseball.

After graduation, he made the Washington Redskins roster, and served as a back-up to Sonny Jurgensen for two seasons. He appeared in five games and completed 11 of 20 passes for two touchdowns. He then played in the semi-pro Atlantic Coast League for the Bridgeport Jets from 1968-71. He briefly made the New York Jets roster during the football strike of 1970. He concluded his career in the World Football League in 1974, playing for the Houston Texans/Shreveport Steamers.



In 1970, **Bob Clites** of Mapletown went straight from high school to the Gulf Coast Rookie League in Florida. As a 17-year-old, he pitched for the Bradenton Pirates (3-3 record) before being called up to Niagara Falls of the Class A New York- Penn League. He also spent the following year in Niagara Falls. He completed his career in the Western Carolina League with Charleston (A) and the Carolina League with Salem (A). His minor league record was 8-12 before his career was ended by an injury.

At Mapletown, Clites was also the first Greene Countian to score 1,000 career basketball points. He won the County scoring title in 1970, averaging 26.7 PPG. That season, he was named All-County, All-Section, All-WPIAL and Fourth Team All-State. He finished his scholastic career with 1,342 points.



Rick Sonneborn came to West Greene High School his junior year (1961-62) and had an immediate impact on the Pioneers' basketball team. They went from 1-16 the previous year to a 16-3 record. Sonneborn scored 452 points in 19 games for an average of 23.8 points per game and was named to the All-WPIAL team. The following season, he was even more prolific. He led Pennsylvania in scoring as he poured in 693 points for an average of 34.7 PPG. He scored 56 points against Kolb Memorial and scored over 40 points four times. That season, he was again named to the All-WPIAL team, and he was also honored as Second Team All-State by the Associated Press.

After sifting through several college scholarship offers, Sonneborn decided on Penn State. He led the freshman team in scoring and was on the 1964-65 team that lost to Bill Bradley and Princeton 60-58 in the first round of the NCAA East Regional. When Sonneborn graduated from Penn State in 1967, he went overseas with the Peace Corps and played basketball in the National League of Thailand for four years. In Thailand, he had a 63-point effort in 1970 and a 53-point outing in 1971. After returning home in 1972, he got a job as a teacher, and served as an assistant for Rudy Marisa at Waynesburg College. He then became the head coach at West Greene from 1986-1993 and turned the program around.





PROGRESSIVE MOBILITY AND MEDICAL
SINCE 1978



Rte. 19 & Cameron Rd., Washington, PA

Merry Christmas

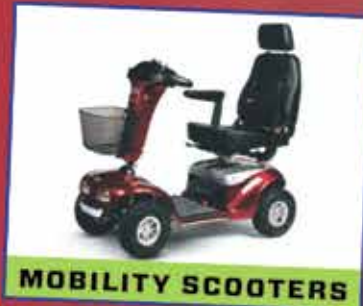
GIVE YOUR LOVED ONES THE GIFT OF MOBILITY THIS CHRISTMAS!



TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 10% OFF
ALL CLEARANCE ITEMS MARKED DOWN BY 50%
724-228-4568
Not valid with any other offers or promotions.
Expires 02/28/25

\$275 OFF
any new stair lift
while supplies last
724-228-4568
Not valid with any other offers or promotions.
Expires 02/28/25

\$100 OFF
any scooter or lift chair
724-228-4568
Not valid with any other offers or promotions.
Expires 02/28/25



724-228-4568 PROGRESSIVEMOBILITY.COM

Dear Santa,

I would really like a pair of butterfly wings for Christmas. There were other things I would love not on here, but I couldn't draw them, so I just did these butterfly wings. I have enough fairy wings so I want some butterfly wings. I mostly want a pair that are big, silky, and colorful, or white.

From Mary (age 9)



LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

RSVP Today!

RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) of Greene County offers meaningful and rewarding volunteer opportunities for adults ages 55 & over.

For more information contact us at:
724.852.2893 | 877.814.0788
www.myblueprints.org



COFFEE WITH VETERANS

★ Share Stories ★ Find Resources ★ Connect

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Second Saturday of the Month

8am-10am

Dec 14th - Waynesburg VFW

Jan 11th - The Denny House

Feb 8th - Greene County Career & Technical Center

March 8th - Waynesburg University

April 12th - Harvey's Aleppo Grange



ARE YOU A VETERAN IN CRISIS OR CONCERNED ABOUT ONE?



info@twvgreene.org

Phone: Dial 988 PRESS 1

Text: 838255

Chat: www.veteranscrisisline

<https://www.facebook.com/TWVGreene/>

Dear Santa,

I would like a new sweeper, dishes, a broom, movies, new shirts, a monster truck, and toys for the garden.

From Aiden (age 4)



HOLIDAY OF HOPE OPEN HOUSE: *A Celebration of Community and Joy*

Mark your calendars for an enchanting evening of holiday cheer at the **Holiday of Hope Open House on Monday, December 23rd, from 5pm to 9pm.** This heartwarming event invites everyone to come together to celebrate the season with family, friends, and neighbors in a spirit of joy and togetherness.

Three Festive Venues

The open house spans three beautifully prepared locations:

1. The Denny House and Carriage House
2. The Way, Greene County's newest community center
3. The First United Methodist Church

Highlights of the Evening:

The Denny House and Carriage House will be transformed into a Christmas wonderland with exquisite holiday decorations.

- Enjoy live Christmas music performed by Ferd Dolfi at The Denny House.
- Tour the historic venue and savor the festive ambiance.

- The Carriage House will host Christmas readings and music to set a joyous tone.
- Indulge in a delightful hot chocolate bar, appetizers, and Christmas cookies.
- Look out for a surprise visit from the Grinch and Santa Claus!

The Way Community Center offers a range of engaging activities:

- Create your own stained glass-inspired candle craft.
- Share memories of past Christmases or write inspirational notes to leave behind.
- Join in caroling, play games, or simply enjoy the warm atmosphere.
- End your visit with a comforting bowl of soup and take a cookie to go.

The First United Methodist Church invites guests to an evening of fellowship:

- Sing cherished Christmas carols and bask in the joy of shared traditions.

- Conclude the evening with a poignant Service of Hope, a reminder of the season's true meaning.

A Night to Remember

To add to the magic, **luminaries** will light the pathways between the venues, creating a beautiful and welcoming glow throughout the evening. Christmas trees adorned with ornaments will be featured at each location, with ornaments available for guests to take home as keepsakes.

This event is **free and open to the public**, ensuring everyone can participate in the festivities. For additional details, contact Pam Marisa at pam@directresults.us.

Let's make this holiday season a celebration of hope, love, and unity. We can't wait to see you there!




JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY & JOY
Monday, December 23rd
5 pm - 9 pm • FREE Open House

The Denny House & Carriage House
 The Way Greene County Community Center
 The First United Methodist Church

MUSIC • FOOD
CRAFTS • GAMES • GIFTS

This heartwarming event invites everyone to celebrate the season with family, friends, and neighbors in a spirit of joy and togetherness.

FMI Call 724-627-2040




THE DENNY HOUSE

TUESDAY
DECEMBER
31ST

\$75
per person

2025
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Party

BACK AGAIN BY POPULAR DEMAND
DJ JOHNNY HARTWELL FROM 3WS RADIO
CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT
DINNER 7:30 • MIDNIGHT SNACK BAR • BALLOON DROP
— RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. SEATS ARE LIMITED. —

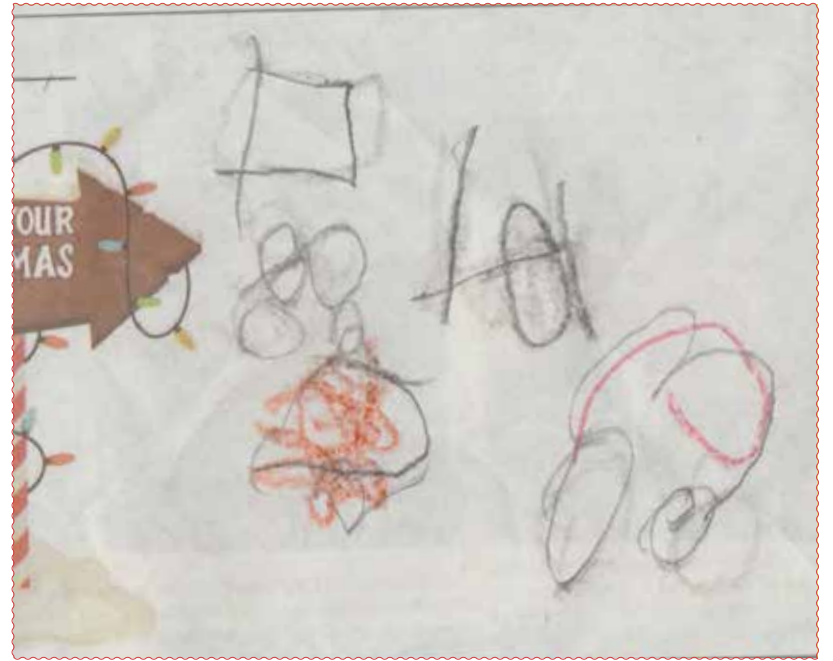
724-710-8056
INNKEEPER@DENNYHOUSEWBG.COM

145 W HIGH STREET
WAYNESBURG, PA 15370

Dear Santa,

I would like Star Wars toys. a PS5, a new game, a dirt bike, RC cars, Grave Digger trax, and a new shirt.

From Jaxon (age 6)



Dear Santa,

I would like a big pack of Pokémon cards, with a Blastoise EX. I would also like a Pokémon Stadium Nintendo 64 game pack to fit in the controller. Thank you for doing this every year.

From James (age 10)



Merry Christmas

**Yesterday's Service
Today's Technology**

**From our family to yours,
we wish you a healthy
and happy new year.**

Please stop by the pharmacy or call us at
(724) 627-5454 for questions regarding
changes in your insurance for 2017.

**MCCRACKEN
PHARMACY**

595 East High Street, Waynesburg, PA

— 11TH ANNUAL —



SCAN TO BUY TICKETS

ALL AMERICAN GRAND BASH

2025

OVER \$650,000 IN CASH & PRIZES

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 • 1:30PM - 7PM

- EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS
- GUNS, VEHICLES, ATVS & MORE
- SPONSORSHIPS & VIP AREAS

HAZEL & J.W. RUBY COMMUNITY CENTER
111 MYLAN PARK LANE
MORGANTOWN, WV 26501
\$100 PER TICKET

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:

- OPERATION WELCOME HOME
- MISSION FOR MIRACLES
- OTHER LOCAL NON-PROFITS

FMI: ALLAMERICANGRANDBASH.COM • 304-712-2140

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE OR LOCALLY:

- DIRECT RESULTS - WAYNESBURG & MORGANTOWN
- JEANIE'S NAIL SALON
- WAYNESBURG GIANT EAGLE
- HINERMAN'S AUTOMOTIVE

By Emily Capule

PET TIP OF THE MONTH



January's dreary weather can lead to winter boredom and unruly behaviors in the house. The weather should not hold you back from spending time outdoors with your dogs, though. Still leash them up for a walk as often as possible; just be prepared to towel them off if they have gotten wet, rinse

off their feet in case they have gotten salt on them and be prepared for some extra snuggles under a warm blanket after you get back indoors.

For the days that getting outside for exercise is limited, try making some indoor boredom busters like frozen food stuffed kongs and even using a snuffle mat for your dog to hunt through and use their senses to find their food. These exercises exhaust their mind when physical activity is limited.

Lastly, since the new year is all about making resolutions for us, it is a great time to make goals that include our best friends. Beginning a training routine is a great place to start! Obedience work can be done right in your living room with the basics of sit, down and stay. A few minutes every day is enough to see big results and to strengthen your bond with your dog.



JANUARY ADOPTABLE PET OF THE MONTH

Meet Trooper!

Trooper is a Treeing Walker Coonhound, 4-5 years old, neutered, and weighing 51lbs.

Trooper came into the care of Cross Your Paws in June 2024 after spending time in a high kill shelter in southern WV. He is very obedient; he can sit, stay, spin and walk on a leash. Trooper's ideal home would have a fenced in backyard or a person who is committed to leash walking him multiple times per day. He would like a quiet home with an older family.

If you are interested in meeting Trooper, please email jenn@crossyourpaws.com FMI. Photo by: Kimberly Marie Photography.



Join our team!

as a **FREELANCE WRITER**

GreeneScene
COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Send your resume and 2 writing samples to info@greenescenemagazine.com

REMEMBERING ROBENA AT THE ROBENA MINE MEMORIAL

MINERS INTEGRAL PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHERN APPALACHIA

By Father
Rodney
Torbic

Every December 6, coal miners, their families, and friends gather at the Robena Mine Memorial on the outskirts of Carmichaels, Pennsylvania – not far from the nearby Monongahela River.

They gather to remember the 37 miners who lost their lives in the Robena Mine disaster on December 6, 1962. The memorial is held each year by the United Mine Workers of America.

A promise was made never to forget the miners who lost their lives. The memorial recognizes the value of each miner living and departed this life. Each miner has been integral to the constructive development of Appalachia.

More than a hundred thousand miners have lost their lives in disasters and job-related injuries. Mining exacts a toll on the miners and their families. Safety is always a concern. Mining communities having experienced disasters and having lost miners due to deaths on the job stretch across Appalachia. The accounts of miners having died are etched deep into each mining community.

Each day a miner goes underground, the hope is the miner will return home safely. The stress on the miner and the miner's family is a continued presence. Miners and their families carry with them the memories of mining deaths and disasters of the past.

Thirty-seven families were directly affected by the Robena disaster. The deaths touched the lives of the affected families, their friends, and co-workers in the industry. A miner's death awakens memories in homes throughout coal communities.

A man from the area of the Robena Mine Memorial recently compared hearing the news of the Robena explosion to receiving notice of the shocking 9/11 attack on the United States. Life came to a stand still to consider the tragedy.

Coal miners and their families have populated and helped to shape Appalachia. Too many miners have suffered and died due to the nature of their work. Miners' deaths have had a lasting influence on Appalachian life.

Great courage, strength and presence of mind are required to work underground.

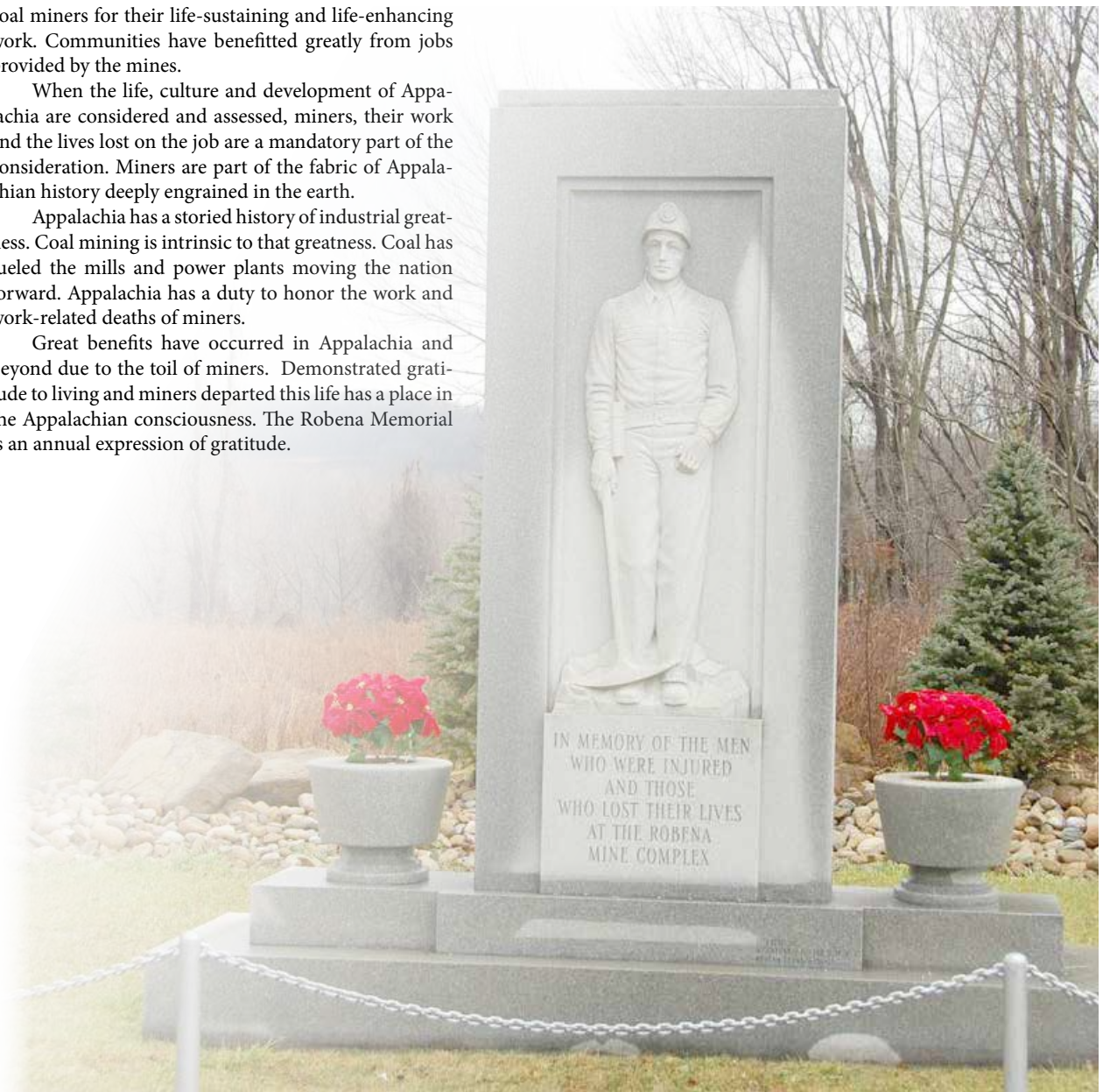
Communities owe a lasting debt of gratitude to

coal miners for their life-sustaining and life-enhancing work. Communities have benefitted greatly from jobs provided by the mines.

When the life, culture and development of Appalachia are considered and assessed, miners, their work and the lives lost on the job are a mandatory part of the consideration. Miners are part of the fabric of Appalachian history deeply engrained in the earth.

Appalachia has a storied history of industrial greatness. Coal mining is intrinsic to that greatness. Coal has fueled the mills and power plants moving the nation forward. Appalachia has a duty to honor the work and work-related deaths of miners.

Great benefits have occurred in Appalachia and beyond due to the toil of miners. Demonstrated gratitude to living and miners departed this life has a place in the Appalachian consciousness. The Robena Memorial is an annual expression of gratitude.



MOUNTAINEER GUN SALES

LARGEST FISHING TACKLE SHOP IN THE TRI-STATE AREA

RODS • REELS • BAIT • TACKLE

Rapala Berkley KEITECH Megabass

Country Ice Cream

72+ FLAVORS HAND-DIPPED!

HERSHEY'S Ice Cream

659 Point Marion Road, Morgantown, WV • (304) 284-9811

Dear Santa,

My name is Jane and I have been very good. I would like an American doll, and a bed for my doll. I am going to decorate cookies for you. Can you come to my house and show me Rudolph? Thank you!

From Jane



Give the Gift of Greene



GreeneScene Community Magazine makes the perfect gift for out-of-town family! If you know someone who would like to receive the GreeneScene Magazine, please share the word with them! We also accept payment by credit card via greenscenemagazine.com.

GreeneScene Subscription

1 year \$24 _____ 2 years \$40 _____ (check one)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please send your check to:
(Make checks payable to Direct Results)
GreeneScene Magazine Subscriptions
185 Wide St. • Waynesburg, PA 15370

Subscribe online at GreeneSceneMagazine.com!

Questions? Email:
info@GreeneSceneMagazine.com

PW AUTO SALES AND SERVICE

CREDIT SCORE TOO LOW?

NOT A PROBLEM FOR PW AUTO!

UNLOCK BETTER RATES WITH US!

If you have a good credit score, we can lower your interest rate or match a better offer from another loan company.

GREAT DEALS

OVER 43 YEARS IN BUSINESS

- AUTO REPAIRS
- ALIGNMENTS • BODY WORK
- ENHANCED INSPECTIONS

387 PRISON RD.
WAYNESBURG, PA

(724) 852-2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Daisy. I am 8 years old. I have been very good. I have been doing better with my school work. I would like to have some makeup, babies, and Barbies. I go to school in Bobtown. Can you bring my sister Chevie a game, and bring by brother Chance a video game? Thank you!

From Daisy (age 8)



THE MUSIC MAN

Music is said to be an art form, and for Nick Kovacic, that's especially true. The Clarksville native has been a musician since childhood, where he developed his ear for music as a member of a Croatian junior group in Mather. The group met for five years before Nick transitioned to become a part of Cokeburg Junior Tamburitza from age 12-18.

The Tamburitza refers to an entire family of flat-backed instruments in a few different forms originating in the region formerly known as Yugoslavia. These instruments became immensely popular in Croatian folk music, and the musicianship needed to play them is a tradition handed down through generations.

Nick decided to further his education at Waynesburg College, where he earned his B.A. in History in 1974. After college, Nick took a position with the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation in Monessen, PA, in order to work off his student loans and save up enough money to pursue another degree. Eventually, he was able to attend Indiana University of PA, where he earned a B.S. in Education, and pursued many other certifications in the fields of engineering, design, and technology. All the while, music continued to be a pastime and interest in the mid-80s, when Nick played guitar, mandolin, and—of course—the Tamburitza. His love of Croatian folk music, and music of all kinds, has carried him through the decades.

Nick describes his career as one with a non-traditional timeline. He began his teaching career in 1987 as the drafting and design teacher at the Greene County Career and Technology Center. Nick based his classroom on the interests of his students, and useful ways to apply them. "I taught theory but also taught practical application. [It's a] line of progression," he says. "Some of the students liked guitars and things," he continues. "You get them some wood and let them design."

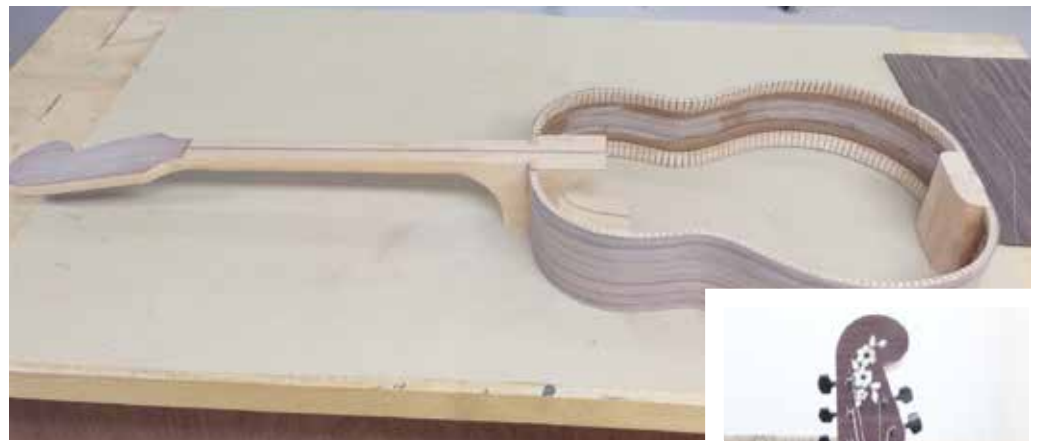
If a student wanted to try something out, he would provide them with materials and guidance, but let them make the artistic decisions. In this way, creativity blossomed, and both student and teacher learned something new. "I learned by showing them," recalls Nick. "It's a lot easier to teach geometry not in theory, but hands-on. Everything is a learning experience, especially when you can make it fun for them," he says.

Nick retired from teaching in 2012, but for him, the learning is just beginning with his adoption of a new artistic hobby—instru-

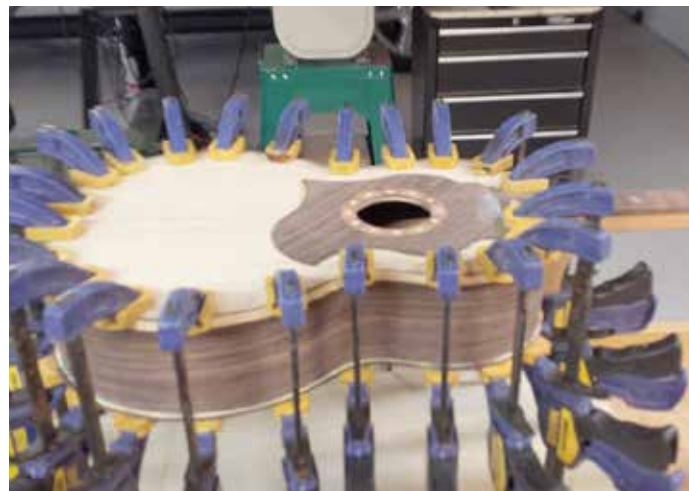
By Emma Bates



An upright electric bass made from mahogany.



Photos of the making and final product of the Tamburitza Brac, a guitar-like instrument with 5 strings from the Tamburitza family. Original mold, heat and clamp stage, and final product on right.



ment making. The lifelong musician is now making his own music, literally. Since retirement, Nick has crafted one handmade instrument every summer. "I've made a variety of instruments over the years," Nick reminisces. Some of his pieces include dulcimers, mandolins, tamburitzas, ukuleles, guitars (both acoustic and electric) and even electric violins. "Every year it's a learning process. There's a little bit of plus or minus." And it's no surprise that the work is slow-going; the process is lengthy and extremely detailed.

First, Nick makes the instrument molds. Then comes the shaping. "You have to heat and bend the wood," he explains. Moving forward, "you add braces to the back and top, shape the neck, fit the neck to the body, drill holes for the tuning machines and then [sand] the instrument and finally [put] a finish on it." Regarding the steps of his process, Nick says, "You don't consciously think about it. I just kind of do it."

When asked if his work is ever for sale, Nick responds: "It's a hobby, I don't do it to make money. There's enough out there. I wouldn't want to compete." He continues, laughing, "I only make one a summer, so it's not like I'm cranking [them] out!"

Although Nick no longer plays music formally with a band, he still "fiddles around" in private from time to time. "At home I'll pick up an instrument," he says. Nick's creativity has inspired his pupils, too. "My students have carried it on," he shares. "One

made an upright bass!"

The music man has certainly taken a symphonic journey, from playing instruments to building them, and there's no telling what projects are in store for him next. "I don't know what I'll design and make this summer," he says. But whatever it is, it's sure to be a harmonious success.

EST. 1993

SPECIALTY HERBAL PRODUCTS

YOUR PLACE FOR QUALITY SUPPLEMENTS YOU CAN TRUST



BEAUTY COMPLETE

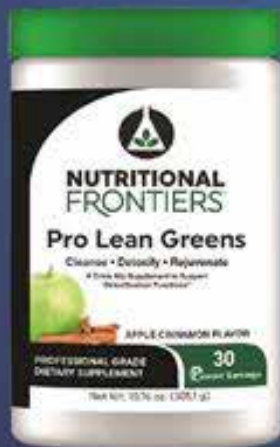
A Hair, Skin, Nail formula that works!

Beauty Complete features the novel natural ingredient, Cynatine Keratin FLX/HNS, designed to improve various aspects of hair and nail growth. A clinical trial testing Cynatine in women demonstrated significant improvements in hair growth, strength, and appearance, as well as nail strength and appearance. Beauty complete as contains Saw Palmetto, Horsetail Herb, Biotin, Zinc, and Methyl-Folate.

"My wife loves this product!"

Brian King

PRO LEAN GREENS



A great tasting, easy-to-mix powder that contains Greens, Fiber, Herbs, Probiotics, Prebiotics, Enzymes, Bee Pollen, Beet Root, Sunflower Lecithin, and Detoxification nutrients. Pro Lean Greens is multifaceted health supplement that provides plant nutrients from many different sources.

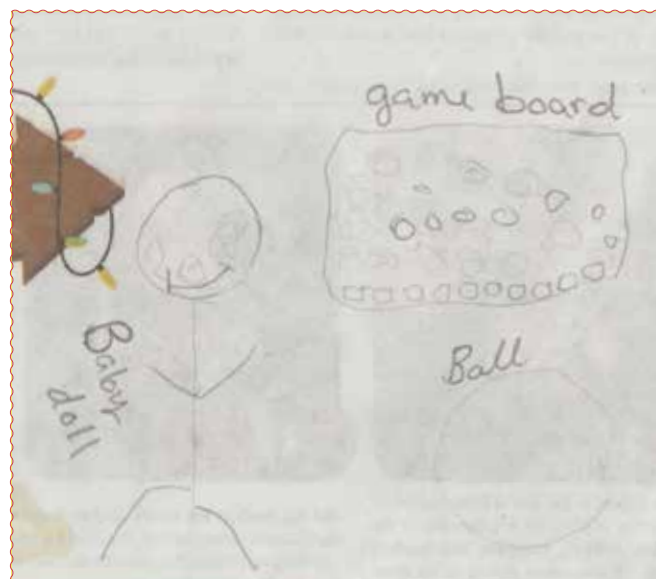
It specifically address Detoxification through heavy metal removal and boosting Liver detoxification. It contain the following Detox ingredients: Chlorella, Spirulina, S-acetyl-L-Glutathione, NAC, Milk Thistle, and DMG. Pro Lean Greens works great as a "cycle supplement": Use Pro Lean Greens one month for Detoxification and use Pro Purples for 2 months for your fruits and vegetables. "Cycling" nutrients keeps the body sensitive to them.

1470 E. High Street Waynesburg PA 15370
Phone: 724-852-1949 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-3

Dear Santa,

my name is Ellie. I have been a good girl all year. I work really hard at school and help my mommy when she asks me to do something. What I would like for Christmas is a baby doll, Yoga Goat, Barbies, Play-Doh, puzzles, and games. I will leave you cookies and sugar and a root beer drink for you, and carrots for the reindeer. When you leave my presents under the tree, check out my coloring picture of you, Santa. It will be by our tree. I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve night. I promise my Elf on the Shelf will report all good things to you, Santa. I'm so excited to see you in the Christmas parade and get my picture taken with you.

From Ellie (age 5)



Christmas on High Street

Greene Gardens

By Lisa Lewis of the Greene County Master Gardeners

Mistletoe: The Christmas Kissing Plant

Where did we get the idea to hang a sprig of mistletoe in a doorway at Christmas time – with the idea of kissing whomever stands beneath it? The tradition began in England, where it was believed that kissing under mistletoe heightened the odds of marriage in the coming year. The author Washington Irving wrote in the 1800s, “young men have the privilege of kissing the girls under [mistletoe], plucking each time a berry from the bush. When the berries are all plucked the privilege ceases.”

Mistletoe (*Phoradendron leucarpem*) grows throughout the southern United States, as far north as the Philadelphia-New Jersey area, and as far west as east Texas. Its leaves are small and oval shaped with smooth edges and remain green throughout the winter months. This is probably why the ancient Druids associated mistletoe with fertility, and why the ancient Romans hung it on walls and doorways during wedding ceremonies. The mistletoe plant produces clusters of white berries, each having a single seed.

Mistletoe is an interesting plant. It is partially parasitic. It sends its roots, called haustoria, into the trunk or limb of the host plant, a deciduous tree. These roots imbed themselves into the parts of the host tree that carry water and nutrients, the xylem and phloem, just under the bark, allowing the mistletoe to thrive. If the host tree is healthy, the mistletoe does not cause harm. In the late fall, when the host tree drops its leaves, the balls of mistletoe growing up in the limbs can be easily seen. In colonial days, it was customary to shoot the balls of mistletoe out of the tree with a gun to harvest them for Christmas.

Mistletoe is also able to make its own food through photosynthesis, the way the host plant does. Photosynthesis requires sunlight. And as anyone who has grown plants knows, plants will compete for sunlight. Towards this end, the mistletoe seed that sprouts and imbeds

its roots high up in the canopy of the tree is going to have an easier time surviving than the mistletoe seed that falls on the tree's roots at ground level. But how to accomplish the feat of being “planted” high in the tree's arbor when the seeds are heavy and likely to fall to the ground?

Mistletoe seeds are primarily dispersed by birds that eat the berries. Mistletoe has evolved to have very sticky seeds, and so birds have resorted to scraping against a limb after defecating to rid themselves of the seed. This increases the odds of the seeds sticking to the limbs higher up where the sunlight shines through. The name mistletoe reflects this fact, derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for dung (mistil) and the word for twig (tan).

From bird dung to Christmas kiss-



es! How endlessly fascinating is the world around us. Wishing you a very merry holiday season from the Master Gardeners of Greene County.

DeSimone, K. *Mistletoe and Holly*. Penn State Extension, July 5, 2023.

Dunn, R. “Mistletoe: The Evolution of a Christmas Tradition.” *Smithsonian Magazine*, December 21, 2011.

Steil, A. *Mistletoe and Holly During the Holidays*. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, November, 2022.

Mike's Wheel Alignment

Four Wheel Alignment

\$10 OFF

www.mikeswheelalignment.com

Expires 1/22/25

724-943-4076

Maple Ridge Road • Greensboro, PA

PA State Inspection

A Letter From Our Readers...

Writing to mention a recent article in the *Greene Scene Community Magazine* (Holiday 2024), “General Stores Remain an Important Hub for Our Communities” written by Aubrey Lesnett.

Much enjoyed. My friend living on the west side of Pittsburgh receives your magazine and he sent me a copy of this recent article. As the “signature” below says, I live in Kentucky but was born in the community of Rennerdale, just west of Carnegie. It is a very, very long story but my friend and I began going to the Jacktown Fair, which is in the community of Wind Ridge, home of the Stokes Store mentioned in the story, many, many years ago. This was before either of us were married. After marriage we continued the reunions.

Annually, my wife and I make the trip to the fairgrounds for a week and make occasional visits the Stokes Store for our needed weekly commodities. Our two kids would make the trip with us “back in the day”. Now, with them being adults and having children, they sometimes make the trip to rekindle stories for their kids as to, “The way it was”. We have been attending for nearly 60 years and have made Stokes our store of choice. We were there when the original property of the now Stokes Store was the community grade school. I believe it was in the 70s that the property was purchased by Adam Stokes's parents, the vacated nonrepairable building was removed and built the present store front.

What a character Adam's dad was. We would visit the store and come away

with a list of stories as long as your arm, all played out by Adam's dad as he sat behind the register tending to the needs of the locals and at the same time, keeping the story fully charged with the best of details for the listener. The store has not changed much in appearance over the years, but like Aubrey mentioned, “Each store had to find its uniqueness” to keep the folks returning, and Adam was the one that did that for his family. He was the first “technical guru” of the internet at the store and then, as your article reads, he began baking. Many summers we would stop in the first day of our weekly visit and ask Adam for a cake or some baked good that we could serve to the folks that came from Pittsburgh to visit. During the week, ice, milk, ice cream, fresh coffee and even those hardware items needed to repair some aspect of our camper or camping equipment was found at the store. It was a unique time just going up and down the aisles seeing all the items that Adam and his dad were able to assemble under one small roof for the needs of those coming in quest.

Adam has grown, now has a family that lives adjacent to the store, his mom and dad have passed and his sister who use to “bend hair” in the adjoining room of the store no longer takes those hair appointments.

Again, thanks so much to Aubrey for reaching out into the communities finding those small things in the scheme of things that are so vastly important to our local communities.

Doug McLaren



Your neighbor in HEALTHCARE

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

Schedule an appointment with one of our experts in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Women's Health, Dermatology, or Cardiology. We also offer diagnostic services, such as labs and ultrasound, and much more.



WAYNESBURG OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Visit [WVUMedicine.org/Waynesburg](https://www.wvumedicine.org/Waynesburg) for more information.
Call 855-WVU-CARE to schedule an appointment.

451 MURTHA DRIVE • WAYNESBURG, PA 15370



SHOP SMALL, SHOP LOCAL

Greatest IN GREENE

You hear the music playing from outside. Stepping inside, your nose is met with the delectable whiff of freshly-roasted coffee. A quirky hodgepodge of tables and chairs are arranged throughout the shop. Historic photographs and local artwork line the walls of this small-town haven. RGB Coffee welcomes you. With small-town charm—not to mention the delicious, locally roasted beverages—it's no surprise that GreeneScene readers voted RGB Coffee in Waynesburg, PA, as their favorite local coffee shop.

Owner Ben McMillen explains that it's no accident that RGB, opened in 2023, pays such attention to detail and is crafted with personality and service in mind...“the employees face the customers so they can watch them work” he says, and the design of the entire shop intentionally integrates customers into the full experience. Nothing is done behind

RGB Coffee Best Coffee

closed doors—the process of crafting every item is open to the public eye.

Shopping small is an integral part of RGB's existence, and to Ben McMillen's life. “In order to tell other customers to buy local, I have to do the same,” Ben says. “[It's important to] sustain that lifestyle on and off the clock.” And, practicing what he preaches, almost everything, from ingredients, honey, candles, and of course, the coffee, is locally sourced, not to mention the furnishings and decor.

Everything in RGB reflects the Greene County spirit of hard work and shared stories. RGB also goes the extra mile (plus a block or two!) in giving back to the community with its free meeting room. The space is available at no cost to individuals and groups hosting meetings, workshops, or events as a way of creating a homey and inviting atmosphere right in town. RGB thrives on shopping small and helps our community do the same. *(Reprint due to error.)*

By Emma Bates

From Our Readers

I live in Morgantown but I buy my coffee (Coal Dust) from my friends at RGB/Hilltop Packs. The coffee shop is a wonderful, warm and comfortable space and the people who work there are very friendly and helpful. I'm happy to patronize this excellent small business. Special shout-outs to Diane, who became my friend at HP, and my former *Democrat-Messenger* colleague Bridget, who thoughtfully showed me the bean roasting process one day. Love all yinz guys!

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to pour myself a mug of Coal Dust.

Regards,
Mark Stacy
Morgantown

CORRECTION:

In our Holiday I issue, Anthony Post was accidentally referred to as Austin Post. We apologize for the error.



Owner Ben McMillen, General Manager De-nene Nelson Rhodes, & Staff Wake Up to Win the Best Coffee Category.



Home feels different to everyone. For artsy folk, it may be a quaint studio in the city. For travelers, it may be any hotel in a new state off of an unfamiliar exit. For local food-lovers Jim and Dana Phillips, home turned out to be an authentic Italian pizzeria in Rices Landing that strives to provide customers with a true Sicilian cuisine experience within Greene County.

“We like to think we are that hidden gem, or a diamond in the rough that’s the area’s best kept secret,” said Italian Boys Pizza co-owner Jim Phillips. “We have a gas-fired double-decker brick oven that simply makes pizza taste better than commercial conveyor ovens.”

Jim and Dana were handed down the restaurant from Naples, Italy, native Federico Gialone. Gialone brought his craft to the US in 1979 when he built his small business from the ground up. He has now passed on his knowledge to the Phillips’ so they could grow the pizzeria and continue its legacy. Italian Boys Pizza has been serving small communities for years, originating first in Pitt Gas, and then moving to Morgan-

town, WV, before settling in Rices Landing in July 2004. As a local business, it keeps money circulating within the local economy, creates jobs for locals, and contributes to the community’s overall prosperity.

“If you look around, we have some great diners, coffee shops, ethnic food restaurants in the area, not to mention clothing printers, food trucks, and bakers,” added Dana Phillips, mentioning how she and her husband make an active effort to support other small businesses in the area through social media and being patrons themselves. “You do not need to travel to Fayette, Washington, or Allegheny counties for good food or other services.”

As small business owners, the pair commend the success and hard work of other business owners in the area. They emphasized their eagerness to get the word out about businesses to help grow customer bases, which, in turn, grows the entire small community business and benefits everyone involved.

“It is a team effort for everyone as a small business owner to keep our dreams alive,” added

Greatest IN GREENE

Italian Boys Best Pizza

Dana. “We couldn’t run this place without our great team. Owning your own business takes a lot of blood, sweat, and tears and doesn’t leave us a lot of time to shop outside the county. We buy our clothing, our coffee, our signs made, shirts printed, eat out and buy hardware supplies locally.”

The Phillips’ community involvement does not stop at supporting other local businesses. Italian Boys Pizza also sponsors local events, schools, athletic teams, and various causes. Additionally, Jim is a veteran and Vice Commander of the Rices Landing American Legion, and Dana serves as the Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary, which gives back to local veterans.

To experience authentic Italian charm while simultaneously supporting local business, head to Italian Boys Pizza. With brand new menu items and the best quality ingredients obtainable, the Phillips are sure to prove why they are one of Greene County’s hidden gems.

By Morgan Marisa




PECJAK'S SUNOCO

10 E. Greene St. 724-627-9044 Waynesburg, PA

Snacks • Sodas • Coffee • Money Orders
Lottery Games • Western Union

STOP IN AND CHECK IT OUT

PROUD TO SERVE EAST DUNKARD

WATER AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS

It has been eight months since Pennsylvania American Water began managing East Dunkard’s public water system, and we couldn’t be more proud. We’ve already completed several improvements to the water treatment plant and the system that delivers your water service. And, we’re not finished. More improvements are underway. **We do this, because we care about the customers and communities we serve as much as we care about water.**



LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT?

Shop Local!

Shopping locally for the holidays offers numerous fantastic options. You can explore charming local boutiques for unique gifts, visit farmers' markets for fresh produce and handmade goods, and support small businesses by purchasing from their online stores. Additionally, attending local craft fairs and holiday events can provide a festive atmosphere while discovering one-of-a-kind items. Embracing local shopping not only enhances your holiday experience but also strengthens the community.

WINE & COFFEE

People are drawn to wine and coffee for their rich flavors and the experiences they offer. Wine often brings a sense of sophistication and relaxation, while coffee provides a comforting boost of energy and warmth, making them beloved choices for many.

RGB Coffee in Waynesburg, our reader's favorite local coffee shop, offers a delectable variety of coffee, specialty drinks, and baked goods, as well as other locally produced gift ideas. Kiln to Table offers a one stop shop for coffee lovers, delicious food, and one of a kind pottery items and local goods.

Other local coffee shops (most offering more than just coffee!) you can support are Morning Rush, LK Café, Press On Bakes & Brews (specializing in gluten free), Rices Landing Coffee Company, Rising Creek Bakery, and Butcher Shop Coffee at Fredericktown Butcher Shop.



A gift card to one of Greene's coffee shops is a great gift.

For wine connoisseurs, Greene County offers two wineries creating their own custom wines. Thistlethwaite Vineyards in Jefferson offers red and white wines, created right on the farm from vine to wine. Not sure what wine to pick? They offer complimentary wine tasting daily. If you're looking for something a little different, Shields' Demesne Winery offers different melomels, each made with honey and grapes.

CUISINE & SWEET TREATS

Food is an excellent holiday gift because it brings joy and

warmth to celebrations. Sharing delicious treats creates memorable experiences and fosters connections among friends and family. Plus, with so many options available, from gourmet chocolates to homemade goodies, Greene County has something to please every palate.

The Hungarian Smokehouse is your one-stop shop for quality meats and local goods. Specialty products like bacon, kielbasa, sausage and thick cut jerky are made right in the facility. They also offer an extensive take-out menu of smokehouse specialties, burgers, subs, sides and more.

In addition to being the home of a selection of gourmet chocolates and candies, 5 Kidz Kandy also sells drinks, breakfast and lunch, and ice cream. They often feature holiday specific gift baskets and items.

Looking for another sweet choice? Consider the gift of locally made honey from Barnum Bee's Apiary & Farm in Greensboro. "[Honey] makes a perfect gift for the holidays; it is a simple little gift made with love. You can use it with tea or for all your baking needs. Barnum Bees honey is a local and small business that uses honey for many things. What better way to make the holiday a little sweeter than with our honey," says Staci Barnum.

A gift card for a meal from a local restaurant such as the Ice Plant, Hartley Inn, DJ's Diner, Italian Boys Pizza, Willow Tree Bakery, Don Patron, and other local restaurants is also the perfect way to support local restaurants while sharing delicious food with friends and loved ones.

CLOTHES & ACCESSORIES

Clothing makes a wonderful Christmas gift because it combines practicality with personal style. It allows you to show thoughtfulness by selecting items that reflect the recipient's taste and needs. Plus, everyone appreciates cozy, stylish apparel during the holiday season, making it a gift that is both useful and enjoyable.

The Fashion Shoppe is a women's clothing and jewelry boutique. You're sure to find something perfect for a loved one in their selection of clothing, accessories, handbags, shoes, and more – they even carry a wide variety of Vera Bradley.

While it may say it's a men's store, Mickey's Men's Store carries both women's and men's clothing. Mickey's specializes in clothing for the



Honey from Barnum Bee's Apiary is a sweet gift.

blue collar worker. They carry clothes and shoes in Ariat, Carhartt, Levi, Carolina, Timberland, and more brands.

Naturally Great Gifts
Give the Gift of Bird Feeding & Joy!

Wild Birds Unlimited
Nature Shop

20% OFF One Feeder*

*Valid in-store at the Morgantown, WV store only. One discount per person, per day. Offer not valid on previous purchases, gift cards, Smart Feeders/ Nest Box, optics, OSC memberships or sale items. Offer valid thru 12/24/2024. 1074 Suncrest Towne Centre Drive Morgantown, WV 26505 • (304) 241-4370

Wild Birds Unlimited
Nature Shop

1074 Suncrest Towne Centre, Morgantown, WV 26505
(304) 241-4370 mywbu.com/morgantown
Mon - Sat: 10:00am - 6:00pm Sun: CLOSED

SUPPORTING HOBBIES & CUSTOM CREATIONS

Supporting hobbies makes for thoughtful gifts because they show you care about the recipient's interests and passions. By encouraging someone to pursue what they love, you foster their creativity and happiness. Gifts that align with personal interests can lead to memorable experiences and strengthen relationships, making them truly special.

Gloria's Ceramics & Greene Gifts is the place to go to gift a loved one the chance to create their own special creation. You can also create your own personalized creation, pick up a custom ceramic, or find other locally made gift ideas.

Lippencott Alpacas farm store is another great place to find a locally made gift or support a loved one's hobby. The farm store offers an amazing assortment of alpaca yarns from PA and Peru with a variety of colors, blends and weights for creators. They also carry a variety of knit hats, scarves, sweaters, socks, gloves, and more – all made from alpaca fiber.

For kids, they have alpaca bears in four sizes ready for a good home.

Their alpaca fiber socks are very popular and four favorite styles include Rain & Shine Socks, Extreme Thermal Socks, Warrior Socks, and Jacquard Socks.



Sock selection at Lippencott Alpacas.

"Santa wears warm alpaca socks and he got them from Lippencott Alpacas Farm Store!" says Lena Galing, owner. "Socks and other items are special because alpaca fiber wicks the moisture from feet at a higher percentage than other fibers. Alpaca fiber keeps feet drier and therefore warmer, and they don't hold in odor either. Come and see the marvelous



Riverrun Books & Prints

items that we have for sale before Santa takes them all!"

As self-care or a hobby, creating custom candles is growing in popularity. At the Hideaway Candle Bar, you can create the perfect candle for a loved one, book them a reservation to have their own unique pouring experience.

GIFTS FOR READERS

Books are wonderful gifts because they offer a unique blend of knowledge, entertainment, and personal connection. They can transport the reader to different worlds, spark new ideas, and provide insights into various subjects. Local authors have something for everyone.

Looking for stories for a younger audience? Dianne Closser Toothman and Susan Williams Aul have a series of children's books, and Claysville author Angie Candel has recently released *The Alphabet According to Chickens* and *The Chicken's Guide to Gardening*.

Into the paranormal or spooky stories? Check out Kevin Paul's *Haunted Hills & Hollows* series, Brad Braddock's *Memoirs of Murder* or *House of Ygor*, or Michelle Bowser's horror and comedy writings like *The Hags of Black County* or *Don't Yell at the Desk Clerk*.

Is the recipient more of a sports person? Check out Bret Moore's *A History of Sports* in Greene County series. More choices include Lonnie Miller's coal mine books, various local history books by local authors, and more.

You can also check out Greene County's only remaining bookstore, Riverrun Books & Prints. Located in Greensboro, this bookstore is home to 20,000 books – you'll be sure to find the perfect gift for your reader.

SELF CARE

Self-care is essential because it helps maintain our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. By prioritizing self-care, we can reduce stress, enhance our mood, and improve our overall quality of life. Taking time for ourselves

allows us to recharge and better cope with daily challenges, ultimately leading to a healthier and more balanced lifestyle.

Treat their soul and left their spirits with a visit to Enchanted Moon Acres in Waynesburg. Enchanted Moon Acres offers spiritual advising, reiki energy healing, chakra cleansing, tarot and psychic reading, somatic healing, detoxification, and other holistic services. Owner/Founder Erin Pierson says, "Enchanted Moon Acres is a natural health boutique dedicated to nurturing your mind, body, and spirit. The greatest gift to receive this holiday season would be the gift of healing."

Other ideas for self-care gifts include massage and bodywork, pedicures and manicures, a trip to the hairdresser, and spa treatments.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Creating a memorial gift at the Greene County Community Foundation is a meaningful way to honor a loved one while supporting a cause that matters. It allows you to celebrate their life and legacy, ensuring that their memory lives on through contributions that can make a difference in the community. You can donate to one of more than 60 funds or establish a new fund in a loved one's name. Special funds can be created to handle tributes and memorials. Contributions may also be made to existing funds to honor a living person, memorialize deceased persons, or commemorate anniversaries or other special events. Contact the CFGC office at 724-627-2010 or visit cfgcpc.org for more information.

Shopping local for holiday gifts is important – it supports your community and boosts the local economy. Local shops offer unique, handcrafted, and locally produced items that you won't find in larger retail chains, making your gifts more meaningful. Shopping local also fosters a sense of community and connection, allowing you to engage with the people behind the products. Additionally, when you choose to buy from nearby businesses, you help create jobs and keep money circulating within your area.

SAMSON GLASS & MIRROR

Samson Glass & Mirror is your local source for customizable glass or mirror work. Our Craftsmanship & Our Commitment to timely, hassle-free Customer Service are beyond compare!

COMPETITIVE & AFFORDABLE PRICING

- ▶ Mirrors
- ▶ Screens
- ▶ Shower Doors
- ▶ Decorative glass
- ▶ Closet Shelving
- ▶ Window glass repair
- ▶ Custom cut glass
- ▶ & More!

724-228-9090
bradley@samsonglass.com
www.samsonglass.com

Looking towards
a better tomorrow



The ENHANCE-CD Study for Crohn's disease is enrolling now

The ENHANCE-CD Study is looking at a potential new oral, once-daily medication to see how safe it is and if it helps people with Crohn's disease (CD).

We plan to enroll a wide variety of participants because CD and medications may affect people differently.

You **may** be able to take part if you:

- are 18 to 75 years of age
- have a diagnosis of moderately to severely active Crohn's disease
- received treatment for Crohn's disease that did not work well, stopped working, or you had to stop taking because of side effects.

Participants will receive all study-related tests and medication at no cost.

Patent Pending © Jun 2024 [VOR/UR/Agm/0] Confidential & Proprietary

Scan to learn more



Find out more

Please contact us:



PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Pittsburgh, PA
Permit No. 1219



**Greentree
Medical Center**

Established 1987

**IT'S A GOOD TIME OF THE YEAR
WITH THE HOLIDAYS COMING UP
TO REMEMBER GOOD HEART
HEALTH WITH A FEW EASY STEPS!**

- **Exercise: Regular exercise does not have to be strenuous!**
- **Stay Active Throughout the Day: Sitting puts you at risk for heart disease, so periodically do low or moderate exercise.**
- **Stick to Simple Food Groups & a Classic Diet**
- **Don't Smoke!: It greatly increases your risk for all heart disease!**
- **Relax: Stress is a part of life, but one way to relieve it is of course through exercise!**
- **Shut Down: Everyone needs to reboot and sleep! It's essential for all aspects of your health.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



CALL FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY

724-883-2223

1895 JEFFERSON ROAD RICES LANDING, PA 15357