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We are pleased to share pictures of a few of our Greene County area hunters who have earned the right to **BRAG!**



Taylor Karvan

Taylor Karven of Wind Ridge shot this 8-point buck while hunting with a crossbow. It was her first bow harvest. Pictured with her boyfriend Colten Thomas. Congratulations, Taylor!



Patrick Frye

Patrick Frye, age 11, of Millsboro bagged this buck. Congratulations, Patrick!



Brandon Powell

Josh Black bagged this 8-point buck while hunting near Buffalo, Washington County during archery season. Pictured is Bill Black, Josh Black, Colt Black, and Colton Black. Congratulations, Josh!



Reece Tharp

Reece Tharp, age 15, of Richill Twp. shot this 8-point buck while hunting with his father Ryan Tharp during rifle season. Congratulations, Reece!

Melissa Husenits

Melissa Husenits of Carmichaels shot this buck on her first time hunting, while on the family farm in Waynesburg. Congratulations, Melissa!

Brody Bennett

Brody Bennett of Graysville bagged this buck in December. Congratulations, Brody!

LUCKY WINNER

Kipton Myers

Kipton Myers, age 8, of Waynesburg had a good season, bagging both a buck and a doe. Congratulations, Kipton!

Kolson Myers

Kolson Myers, age 6, of Waynesburg bagged his first buck this year. Congratulations, Kolson!



Laci Meyers

Laci Meyers of Waynesburg got this nice buck in Carmichaels. Congratulations, Laci!

Roger Myers

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Kaleb Williams

"I Shot a 'Moose'!"

By Kaleb Williams

Kaleb Williams bagged this buck along Whiteley Creek. Congratulations, Kaleb!

"It all started in 2022. I was tired of shooting deer that didn't get my blood pumping. I had finally acquired a piece of property without too

much pressure, but of course with its own set of challenges. I was able to get lucky and shoot a mature deer, letting me know that this spot produces. Last year was my first year archery hunting, as well as my first year investing in trail cameras and doing what I could for land management and feeding solutions.

I ended up getting a lot of pictures of Moose throughout last year and found his sheds, I was fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of him twice while hunting, but without any opportunity. Countless hours in the woods didn't do anything for me and last season disappeared as fast as it arrived. All the while Moose stayed local and present on my cameras.

This year, I buckled down and studied the atmosphere and how it affects movements. I studied bedding and topographical maps to figure out likely travel routes and went into this year with a strategy.

The chase made it seem like it was going to be easy as I was seeing him every day on camera and multiple times in person, but once these deer went on lock-down, I thought it was going to be impossible. Nothing moved, nobody was on camera and I spent multiple mornings and evenings watching squirrels. I figured since I only had one day to put in an all day hunt I would take advantage of the only Sunday that Pennsylvania provides and I'm happy I did.

I started my morning watching a ridge that Moose would typically cross over to check a bed. From daylight till 10:00am I only saw a button buck and figured it probably wasn't the day, but I would change stand locations and give it

my best. I don't really know what to call it so I'll tell it how it happened.

On my way out of the first spot I swung by the cemetery to pay a visit to my stepfather, the one who got me into hunting and a few other loved ones buried nearby. I hung out with my dad and I told him about what the deer are doing and how bad I wanted it, while I listened to the wind blow and the birds chirp. I'd be lying if I said I wasn't mildly emotional after not visiting for a little while. I gave his headstone a hug and not moments later the wind changed giving me the perfect opportunity to hunt a thicket in between two beds.

I figured that was my sign to head out and hit the woods so that's just what I did. I worked my way in at an incredibly slow pace, taking about two hours to reach my stand. I quickly made a mock scrape in my ideal shooting path and hurried up in my tree stand and doused the air with some Tink's #69. Meanwhile, I hit my bleat can call three times and hung back for 15 minutes. I went in for a Slim Jim and just as I was checking to make sure the coast was clear so I could rip that bad boy open, I look straight in front of me and see him coming in at about 50 yards. I quickly put down the Slim Jim and got my bow in hand and pulled back. My shooting window was no bigger than a foot and I waited for him to walk in and I let it rip.

He ran off and I hung back for about 45 minutes before heading out of the tree stand. At that time I knew it was in my best interest to head out of the woods without making a disturbance to allow the deer to find its final resting place, for the shot I was able to secure was not ideal. Shot time was 1:15pm. Leaving the woods without knowing the outcome was hard but it was the right decision to make. I held off for as long as I could, and as each hour went by, the anticipation grew. Around 4:00pm I felt comfortable with going back in to take a look. I called all my friends and quickly assembled a team. We walked up and it wasn't even 120 yards in - there he was, Moose my target buck."

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Garrett Clark

Garrett Clark of Graysville bagged this buck in Graysville. Congratulations, Garrett!



Kory Taylor

Deer season was a success for the Taylor family this year. Kory Taylor (age 17) from Waynesburg, PA shot an 8 pt buck on his family farm in Washington Township in archery season. While Mom (Jackie Taylor) and Dad (George Taylor) each shot a 9 pt in rifle season.



Jackie Taylor



George Taylor

Melissa Husenits

Melissa Husenits of Carmichaels shot this doe on her first time hunting, while on the family farm in Waynesburg. Congratulations, Melissa!



Herschel Matthews Jr

Herschel Matthews Jr brought down this 8-point buck while rifle hunting on the family farm. Congratulations, Herschel!



Ashtyn Frye

Ashtyn Frye, age 15, of Millsboro bagged this buck. Congratulations, Ashtyn!



Anson Lewis

Anson Lewis, age 10, of Waynesburg bagged this 9-point buck. Anson was accompanied by his dad (Ken Lewis). Mid morning this stellar buck walked directly under the hunting stand and posed himself, giving Anson the perfect shot with his bow. This was Anson's first year archery hunting. Congratulations, Anson!



Ty Tennant

Ty Tennant of Waynesburg bagged this buck on the first day of rifle season; it was his first deer. Congratulations, Ty!



Maleeah Clark

Maleeah Clark of New Eagle bagged this buck while hunting with her great grandfather, Bill Addleman, while hunting in Prosperity. Congratulations, Maleeah!

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Jaci Glover
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Lily Usher
 Lily Usher bagged her first buck, a 7" spike, in West Greene. Congratulations, Lily!

Bill Glover
 Bill Glover of Clarksville shot this 10-point buck during archery season. Congratulations, Bill!



Megan Moore
 Megan Moore, age 9, of Spraggs brought down her first deer this season. Congratulations, Megan!

Devin Shuckhart
 Devin Shuckhart shot this 8-point buck on opening day in Clarksville. Congratulations, Devin!



Alex Moore
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Good NEWS

In Greene County

GCCTC Hosts SkillsUSA District Competition; Congratulations to Local Students

The GCCTC had the privilege of hosting the SkillsUSA District Competition, an incredible day of talent, teamwork, and achievement. The GCCTC would like to extend gratitude to everyone who made this event possible. A special thank you goes out to the dedicated judges, passionate SkillsUSA advisors, and hardworking SkillsUSA student members for their time, effort, and enthusiasm!

We are extremely proud of all our local students who competed and represented Greene County so well in the SkillsUSA District Competition! First place winners will move to states held at Hershey, PA, in April 2025. A huge congratulations to the following students who placed in their categories:

- Automotive Refinishing Technology - 1st place - Zander Hall
- Precision Machining - 1st place: Wyatt Franklin
- Restaurant Service - 1st place: Eleanor Turner
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Jefferson-Morgan 7th grade students Trysten Policz and Grace Kovach showed their skills in the meat pen class, each entering a pen of three rabbits. Trysten placed 12th and Grace placed 14th out of 48 entries—what an incredible accomplishment. Congratulations, Trysten and Grace!



Mapletown Future Business Leaders of America Compete at Regional Competition

Congratulations to the Mapletown FBLA members for their excellent performance at the Regional Conference Event Competition. Ten out of eleven students who competed won fifth place or better medals. The following nine students earned the chance to compete at the State Leadership Conference at Hershey, PA, in April:

- Michael Ross - 1st place, Public Policy
- Max Fisher - 1st place, Intro to Financial Math
- Meah Branham - 1st place, Impromptu Speaking
- MaKenna Lotspeich - 2nd place, UX Design
- Heaven Kisner - 2nd place, Business Law
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- Nicole Barrara - 3rd place, Healthcare Administration



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Waynesburg Lions Club Students of the Month

The Lions Club Students of the month are Aidan Snider and Wyatt Franklin. Aidan Snider is the daughter of Lisa and Ed Snider of Waynesburg. She has been a member of the Alpha Beta club, Spanish Club, Ski Club, the Waynesburg FFA chapter, the Engineering Club and the Raider Rose floral design club. Aidan has served as the Vice President of the Prom Committee and the Secretary of Student Council. She participates as a member of the varsity volleyball, basketball and softball teams.



She has lettered for 3 years in volleyball, 2 years in basketball, and 4 years in softball. She has many awards through her work with the FFA. Her Parliamentary Procedure team went to the State Competition. She was also awarded a Jacket Scholarship from the Waynesburg FFA alumni. Ms. Snider represented WCHS in the Christmas parade as Miss Merry Christmas.

Outside of school Aidan plays on several travel softball teams. She also is a member of the ASPIRE mentorship program through EQT. She works summers on her family farm and sells hay. Aidan's plans are to attend the University of Kentucky and major in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. She also plans to open a floral shop.

Wyatt Franklin is the son of Patrick and Sherry Franklin of Mount Morris. Wyatt is a member of the WCHS Rifle team. He also participates in the Precision Machining program at the CTC. Through his work there, Wyatt has worked in the Bots IQ Program and Skills USA. He placed 1st in Skills USA competition.

Outside of school Wyatt enjoys target shooting. He also works summers at a machine shop. During his free time Wyatt can be found pursuing one of his passions: vehicles, computers or firearms. Wyatt would like to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. His plans are to someday own a fabrication business.

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UPMC Washington Physicians Group Receives National Press Ganey Human Experience Guardian of Excellence Award®

UPMC Washington Physicians Group is recognized as a leader in patient experience within the health care industry, setting a benchmark for best practices in health care for the new year. UPMC Washington Physicians Group has been named a 2024 Human Experience (HX) Guardian of Excellence Award® winner by Press Ganey, a global leader in health care experience solutions and services. This award is part of Press Ganey's annual ranking of the top hospitals and health systems in the country, according to performance in patient experience.

As a winner of the Press Ganey HX Guardian of Excellence Award®, UPMC Washington Physicians Group ranks in the top 5% of health care providers for patient experience over the past year.

"Many patients begin their health care journey in the physician's office, making it essential for our teams to collaborate in delivering the highest quality and safest care across the organization," said Stacey Rush, director of Patient Experience. "Every day, the UPMC Washington Physicians Group embodies this commitment by implementing best practices in health care with every patient interaction. Our goal is to ensure that patients in Washington and Greene counties receive the exceptional care they deserve."

Press Ganey works with more than 41,000 health care facilities in its mission to reduce patient suffering and enhance caregiver resilience to improve the overall safety, quality and experience of care.

"UPMC Washington Physicians Group redefines what it means to provide compassionate care," said Patrick T. Ryan, CEO and chairman at Press Ganey. "Their empathetic approach to patients and their unwavering support for staff fosters genuine human connections and a positive, nurturing environment. We're privileged to be a part of their journey and witness their remarkable achievements."

"Winning this award is a testament to our team's dedication to exceptional patient care and the high standards we uphold," said Brook Ward, president of UPMC Washington. "It reflects the core values of UPMC's mission: To serve our communities by providing outstanding care and to shape the future of health care through innovation, research and education."

Ward continued, "While we celebrate this achievement for the second year in a row, we remain focused on continuously improving and delivering the highest quality care to those we serve."

Carmichaels Elementary Students Raise Donations & Encourage Pet Adoptions

For the past three years, 5th-grade students from Carmichaels Area Elementary School partnered with the Humane Society of Greene County to collect donations and writing essays to persuade people into adopt some new furry friends." Students worked on animal-themed assignments in all of their classes, and parents/guardians sent in donations throughout the month of December.

"A HUGE thank you to Carmichaels Area Elementary School and their amazing 5th grade team—including teachers, students, and parents—for their generous donations and the absolutely adorable bios and hand-drawn pictures of our adoptable animals! Your kindness and creativity mean so much to us and our furry friends. These thoughtful gifts and drawings will help our animals find their forever homes while spreading smiles along the way. Thank you for supporting our mission and for being such a wonderful part of our community!" shared the Greene County Humane Society.



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County of Greene Launches Fraud Alert to Notify Property Owners of New Transactions

The Greene Register and Recorder is providing a free new tool to help property owners protect one of their most valuable assets. With Fraud Alert, you can sign up to receive alerts whenever a document, such as a deed or mortgage, is recorded under your name. Documents can be viewed online or at the Register and Recorder's Office.

"This is an easy way for homeowners to have peace of mind," said Register and Recorder, Tammy Brookover. You can sign up now at <https://searchiqs.com/fraudalert/?CC=PAGRE>. Please note there may be other property owners in the town that share the same name.

Call for Assistance!

The GreeneScene would like to include a listing of the little free food pantries and little free libraries in Greene County. If you know of locations for either of these items, please email them to info@greenescenemagazine.com or mail them to 185 Wade Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

Jefferson Morgan's Annual Autism Walk

Mark your calendars! The third annual Autism Walk at Jefferson-Morgan High School is on Saturday April 12 from 12-2pm - rain or shine! There will be many resources for parents/guardians, food and apparel vendors, tons of free children's games and activities, and mascot appearances! This is a free event to all. Keep an eye on JM's Facebook page to stay up-to-date-with the details!

Spaghetti Dinner at American Legion

The Carmichaels Riders are having a spaghetti dinner February 22 from 4pm to 7 pm at the American Legion in Carmichaels. The money goes to support our local veterans. The cost is \$10, and you get spaghetti, salad, a drink and a bread stick. Eat in or take out available. Come out and support area veterans!

Childhood Educator Opening at Eva K. Bowlby Public Library

The library is seeking an experienced Early Childhood Educator to join our team. The ECE is responsible for creating and implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum for young children from birth to age three, as well as planning and implementing activities to help them learn and grow. This role will require lesson planning, recording program statistics, and implementing outreach programs to area daycares and preschools on request. The ideal candidate is enthusiastic and passionate about working with children under age three.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement an appropriate curriculum for children from newborn to five years of age.
- Plan and execute activities that contribute to the physical, intellectual, and social development of infants and toddlers.
- Create a safe and nurturing environment
- Establish and maintain positive relationships with the children, caregivers, and staff.
- Participate in professional development activities and workshops.
 - Ensure compliance with all relevant health and safety regulations. Requirements and Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in early childhood education or related field.
- Minimum of two years of experience working with young children in a childcare or educational setting.
- Knowledge and understanding of appropriate practices and techniques.
- Able to work independently and as part of a team.
- First Aid and CPR certification required or able to acquire.
- Child Abuse, State Police, and FBI Clearances.
- Reliable transportation.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to reference@evakbowlby.org attention Kathy McClure, Executive Director

Greene County Warm Nights

When temperatures are 25 degrees or below December through March, Warm Nights is open as a free overnight shelter providing a warm, safe place to stay. Located at the Greene County Fairgrounds, the location has cots and bedding, and hot showers. Children and families are welcome, and guests can stay from 7pm to 7am. (Guests may arrive between 7pm and 10pm.) Pets are not allowed. The Greene County Humane Society will house animals overnight at no cost upon request. You must register by 4pm that day; no walk-ins are permitted. To register, call SPHS Crisis Line at 1-800-417-9460 or dial 211.

Mon View Roller Rink is Hiring!

Mon View Roller Skating Rink is hiring! The job entails working in the concession stand, floor, and skate room. You'll need basic math skills and be willing to learn. It's a great first time job for ages 15 and up. If you are interested in this job, please call 724-852-5323 or email cpagac@greenecountypa.gov.



\$\$ Cash Bash \$\$

Teddy Bear Care Corporation and Angel Wings rescue are holding a cash bash on Saturday, March 8 at the VFW (445 E. Lincoln St, Waynesburg, PA 15370). Doors open at 3:30pm and the drawings begin at 4pm. Winning number for 7pm grand prize will be taken from PA 1st official Pick 3 Evening only. No Bonus. There will be food and refreshments, cash door prizes, 50/50, Chinese auction, and more. Only 500 tickets will be sold, and no one under 21 is admitted. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets cost \$20. To purchase tickets, contact 724-998-6491 or 724-833-4704.

Watercolor Workshop

The Morgantown Art Association is having its first workshop of 2025 on April 3-6. The instructor is award-winning Ryan Fox, a member of the American Watercolor Society. Fox will be teaching techniques in watercolor/batik. FMI, call 304-291-5900, or check out the website morgantownartassociation.com


WINNERS!

Wild Birds Unlimited Gift Pack - Karen Cupp of Fredericktown, PA
Brag Mag \$50 - Brody Bennett. Check out his buck in our Brag Mag!

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If you've already have your event, send us a picture and sentence or two about your event and its success and we'll include it in our *Happenings in Greene* section!



It Happened Here!

Christmas at the Shrivvers'

By Amy Smith

Beth Shriver was standing in the shower one morning in 2023, mulling her recent life events. Her last child had left the nest, and she was feeling a bit depressed. She needed a distraction, a project...something that would benefit the community. Maybe it could involve the Christmas holiday, since she and her family enjoyed decorating the house and yard. Then it dawned on her.

"I told my husband later, 'Just so you know, you're playing Santa Claus,'" Beth recalled with a chuckle.

The plan evolved. More roles were assigned. Paper flyers were displayed in local businesses. Posts were made on social media. Christmas at the Shrivvers' has become an annual, multi-night extravaganza welcoming the entire community to see their elaborate light display, sip creamy crockpot hot cocoa, indulge in homemade sugar cookies, and chat with Santa Claus - who holds a seat of honor in the front yard while handing out goody bags to the children.

"Our light display dances with the music," Beth added. "You can pick your favorite Christmas song, hear it and watch the light display dance."

Beth, who works for two different cleaning services, and her husband, Bryon, a corrections officer, are ardent proponents of the importance of service to others, of "giving back." Christmas at the Shrivvers' is a free event - though donations are gratefully accepted - and the dates are based on the couple's work schedules.

Beth's favorite result of all the hard work is "watching the kids' reaction. It absolutely

melts your heart."

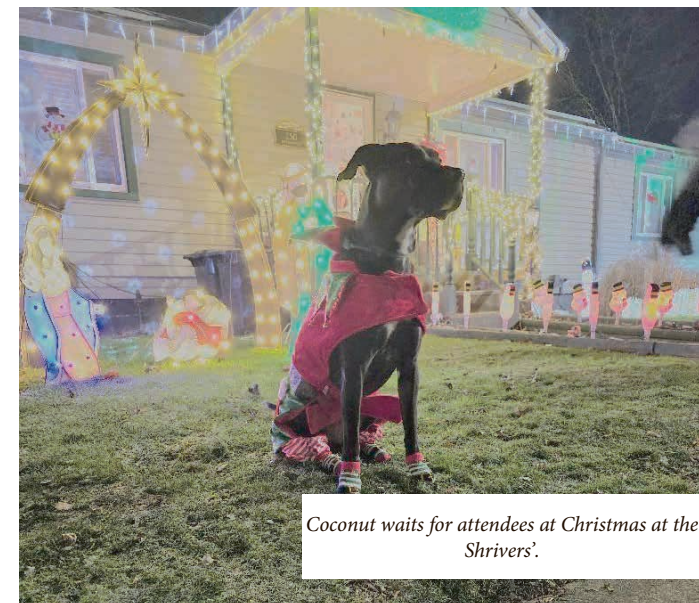
The event is a team effort involving the entire household. Beth is Mrs. Claus. Daughter Brenna and her husband Nathan, who've since moved in, help wherever needed, whether it's handing out the cocoa and cookies, keeping Santa stocked with goody bags, or manning the burn barrels. Beth's mother, Barbara Carney, buys ingredients for the sugar cookies, helps bake them, and dips hot cocoa. Even the dog, Coconut, has a role! "This time [2024] she was Jingles the Elf. The first year, she was a reindeer," Beth relates.

Mercury, Brenna's cat, who Beth affectionately calls "Kitty Meow Meow" and refers to him as her grandchild, does have a costume but is "kept hidden" so that he doesn't sneak out the door.

After the most recent Christmas at the Shrivvers', the family found themselves with a surplus of goody bags and cookies. The surplus bags - containing small toys, a variety of candy, stationary packs, and potato chips - were gladly accepted by a local daycare for their Christmas celebration. The leftover cookies were delivered to one of the local nursing homes. "Those items served their purpose, to bring joy and help others" Beth mused. "We got to be a part of that."

Beth's goals for the future Christmas at the Shrivvers' events include not only helping more children in need, but also helping homeless animals. "I hope we come up with different connections by doing this. I would love to somehow partner with the Humane Society, or other homeless shelters, to raise money for them."

Beth, who attends the local Crosspoint Church with her family, continued. "Ultimately, Christmas is about helping others, about following Jesus."



Coconut waits for attendees at Christmas at the Shrivvers'.



By Emily Capule

PET TIP OF THE MONTH



The cold, snowy weather is here and for many pet owners, it is the time when coaxing our dogs outside for potty breaks requires some extra asking. Many dogs' fur coats are not designed for our winter climate and it is a good idea to put them in a sweater for their time outside if you think it would make them more comfortable. Any extra shivering that they do is going to reinforce that they do not like going outside during inclement weather and it also causes them undo stress.

January happens to be "National Walk Your Dog Month." While that does not sound very appealing in our chilly climate, heading out for walks is still a necessity to ward off any cabin fever and to get much needed fresh air for both you and your pet. Taking a hike on your favorite trail is a completely different landscape in the snow.

A local favorite for dog lovers is Friendship Hill! But beware, when the temperature drops below 32F, frostbite can develop on dog's pads in as little as 15 minutes. Keep your dog dry, check them often, and keep these cold temperature walks short. When returning from your outdoor adventures, be sure to clean your dogs paws when you get home as salt and antifreeze are possible to come into contact with this time of year.

Since indoor activities might be a main priority right now, this is the perfect time

to develop a routine that involves cuddling up with your pet! Reading a book, watching a television show or listening to a podcast together are all excellent forms of entertainment that allow your furry friend to sit right next to you and bond together. It is during this time that you can give some attention to their coat and grooming, their nails and pads, their teeth and gum health, or even just searching them over for any abnormal lumps or bumps that you may need to have their veterinarian check out. Whatever it is that you do, just know that your pet appreciates any time that you spend next to their side devoting your attention to them!



Scruffy enjoying a walk after a heavy snow.

FEBRUARY ADOPTABLE PET OF THE MONTH

Meet Brutus!

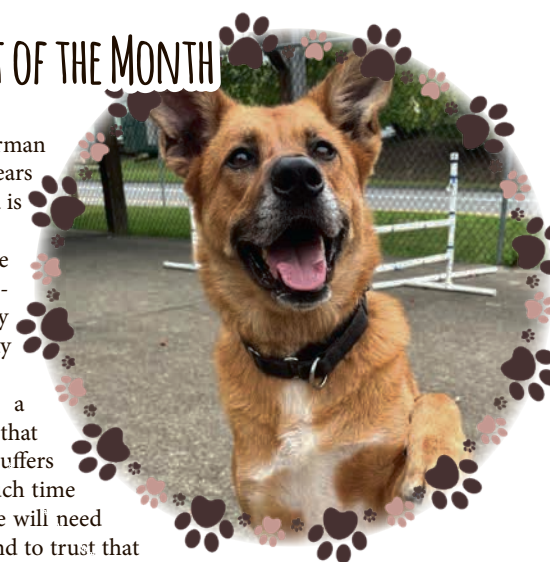
Brutus is believed to be a German Shepherd mix. He is a large dog, 4 years old, with a medium coat length, and is neutered.

Brutus has been at Greene County Humane Society for a heart-breakingly long time - since May 2023! How can this handsome guy have been overlooked for so long?

His ideal home would have a person or family who understands that he wants to be loyal to them and suffers from separation anxiety after so much time without a family to call his own. He will need some time to learn a new routine and to trust that his new family will keep him safe and not abandon him again.

Brutus is extremely smart and engaging - especially if treats are involved as rewards! He can learn tricks very quickly! Brutus also loves to swim.

If you are interested in meeting Brutus, please search for him on greenepet.org for further information and an adoption application.



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Renee Bennett of Carmichaels sent us this photo of her in-laws farm in Dilliner.

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

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

Farmers Market
9am-1pm @145 W. High Street, Waynesburg. Every Wednesday.

Open to the Public Nights at The Denny House
5-10pm @The Denny House. Thursdays. 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!
4pm @Bowliby Library. Kids ages 6-12 will meet each Thursday at 4:00 in the activity room of the Eva K. Bowliby Public Library to solve a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) challenge. If you like to WAKE things, this program is for you! Call 724-627-9776 to sign-up.

Friday Night Dancing
6:30pm @ 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 @Bowliby Library. Weight management support group meets every Friday. FMI: 724-627-9776.

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

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

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

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

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

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

SOAR Meeting
6:30pm @Greene Co. Airport. First Tuesday each month. FMI, visit soarofgreene-county.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
@Bowliby Library. Need help with your device? A tech-savvy librarian is ready to help! Reserve your spot, call 724-627-9776.

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

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

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

Bowliby Book Club
4pm @Bowliby Library. Second Thursday every month. This month's book discussion is on Alan Hlad's "The Long Flight Home". There are several physical copies available at the front desk. New members are always welcome to join!

FMI, call 724-627-9776.

Family Place Play
10:30am @Bowliby Library on Fridays. This educational free play session for children 3 and under and their caregivers is the signature program of the national Family Place Libraries™ initiative. Children can play with others and explore a variety of developmentally appropriate materials, while parents can access resources and meet local community professionals on various topics concerning their child's overall development. FMI, call 724-627-9776.

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

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

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

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

Food Truck Fridays
Fridays, 5-8pm @RGB Coffee. Enjoy live entertainment and delicious food.

FEBRUARY EVENTS
Take Your Child to the Library Day
2/1 @Bowliby Library. Visit the Bowliby Library for a day of activities exploring the benefits of the library as well as experience the resources that the library offers! We will also be having an Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt throughout the Library, and our Children's Department will be having activities set up in our activity room, and we'll even be doing book giveaways for anyone participating!

Craft & Vendor Event
2/1, 10am-3pm @Mt. Morris Community Center.

Motorcycle Swap Meet
2/2, 9am-3pm @Greene County Fairgrounds. Used motorcycles/dirtbikes, cycle accessories, leather goods, t-shirts,

and more. 50/50 benefits American Cancer Society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. FMI, call 724-986-8363 or 724-986-9437.

Valentine's Candle Workshop
2/2, 1-4pm @Thistlethwaite Vineyards. RSVP: 724-983-3372. Cost: \$35-\$45.

Wine & Wood Crafts
2/5, 5:30pm @Thistlethwaite Vineyards. RSVP to 724-983-3372. Crafts cost between \$25 to \$55.

February Build Break
2/6-27, 4pm @Bowliby Library. Bring your whole family for building fun for all ages, from blocks to LEGOs. Weekly challenges will be set up for those who are looking for more difficulty and still want to have fun!

Movie Night
2/7, 7pm @Bowliby Library. This Month's Movie is Harold & the Purple Crayon. FREE snack and beverage! Doors open at 6:45 PM. Call the library to RSVP your seat(s). 724-627-9776.

Puzzle Challenge
2/8, 9:30am-12:30pm @Bowliby 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.

Galentine's Day Tea
2/9, 12pm @The Denny House. Enjoy a high tea. \$30/person. Call 724-710-8056 for reservations (required).

Fayette Food Distribution
02/13, 10am-12pm @Fresh Fire Church, Uniontown.

College & Technical School Scholarship Information Program
02/13, 6pm @EQT REC Center. Hosted by Community Foundation of Greene County, this program is open to all Greene County students and their parents to learn about scholarship opportunities.

Valentine's Day Dinner
2/14-15, 5:30pm & 7:30pm @The Denny House. Enjoy a dinner for two with music. \$100/person. Call 724-710-8056 for reservations (required).

Valentine's Steak Dinner

2/14, 6-9pm @Thistlethwaite Vineyards. \$125/couple. Dinner for two and music by Jake Thomas. Call the 724-983-3372 for reservations.

Valentine's Day Dance
2/14, 7-9pm @Bowliby Library. For ages 12-17. Join us for a sweet night of music, karaoke, snacks, refreshments, and activities. Featuring DJ, Night Raven. As this is a lock-in event please arrive by 7:15 PM at the latest and pick-ups to leave will start at 8:45 PM. Sign-up at the front desk or by calling 724-627-9776

Puzzle Day
2/15 @Bowliby Library. Challenge your own puzzling skills by attempting any of our in-house puzzles, or bring your own! Puzzle swapping is highly encouraged!

CPR/AED Training
2/15, 10:30am-2:30pm @Bowliby Library. Please call Sharon at 724-984-5702 to register; there is limited seating for this event. Cost is \$88 and includes training, workbook, Take Home CPR Kit, 2 yr. certification card & manual.

Community Solar Presentation
2/15, 2:30pm @Bowliby Library. A short 15-minute presentation on Community Solar for homeowners, renters and business owners followed by questions and answers.

History of the County Poor Farm
2/19, 6pm @Bowliby Library. Matt Cumberland from the Greene County Historical Society Museum will talk about the Museum's former function as the "Greene County Home" also known as the "Almshouse" or "Poor Farm."

WVU Block & Bridle Bonanza
2/121-23 @Greene County Fairgrounds. The show is open to all ages of showman. The schedule includes the breeding heifer show and showmanship on Saturday followed by market heifer and steer shows on Sunday.

Movie Day
2/26 @Bowliby Library. Swing by our YA room for a day-long marathon of movies. This month on February 26th we will be showing movies based on fairy tales in celebration of National Fairy Tale Day!

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. Want to see your photo featured in the calendar or on our cover? Submit it online at greenescenemagazine.com for your chance!

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Waynesburg Betterment & Road Initiative

On December 9, a ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted, marking the completion of the Waynesburg Betterment and Road Initiative. Greene County Commissioners Jared Edgreen and Betsy McClure asked for the contract with PennDot to improve the aesthetics and functionality of roadways and sidewalks in the borough to improve the lives of Waynesburg residents.

The PennDot project team comprised Design Project Manager Ron Murray, Construction Project Manager Rich Diamond, and Assistant Construction Engineer Darin Glitz. Gulisek Construction was the prime contractor; Quinn Consulting Services and Gibson-Thomas Engineering were inspection consultants. The project was signed by Joel Morris, the business performance manager at PennDot for \$11.8 million dollars.

"The Waynesburg Betterment Project was constructed to ensure a safe and efficient route for all modes of transportation through Waynesburg's downtown business district," Commissioner Edgreen said. Before the project took hold, Waynesburg had worn crosswalks and sidewalks, which often made travel dangerous for the young and elderly alike, especially in the winter. ADA accessible ramps and crosswalks were improved to make the lives of older adults easier. Additionally, roadways had vague pavement markings which meant frustrating parking tickets and occasional accidents involving large trucks rolling over curbs causing damage to vehicles and infrastructure. Greene Street and High Street had the most extensive makeover, rebuilding almost all the intersections, comprising repavement and improved signage.

"Despite the complexity, including detours and the challenge of working around major community events like Rain Day, Waynesburg University Commencement, and the '50s Fest, the project was finished within

14 months."

For a small town that averages 19,000 vehicles of both commercial and passenger traffic, timeliness was of prime concern: "This project was essential to maintaining the vitality and connectivity of the area."

As for the wider Greene County area, the purpose of the Waynesburg Betterment and Road Initiative was to attract more businesses to the downtown district and ultimately grow the community. "Over the past 14 months, community and business members had to negotiate multiple work zones and some traffic slow-downs related to the project. Although at times it seemed like an arduous process and created stress within our transportation network, we are happy with the result and thank Penn Dot for their intentional efforts to help bolster our community as it will help to draw more visitors to shop, eat, and enjoy downtown Waynesburg," Commissioner Edgreen said regarding the accomplishment of the project.

The most notable change in road layout was on High Street, including a natural "chicane," an S-shaped turn in a normally straight section of road. Chicanes slow traffic down in a particular area and provide better roadside parking without the risk of being sideswiped by passing motorists. "Penn Dot has designed chicanes throughout the commonwealth and has testified that it does, in fact, slow traffic and allows for a safer downtown for our residents and business owners."

"This success wouldn't have been possible without the support and patience of so many, to include Franklin Township, Waynesburg Borough, downtown business owners, and community members." Greene County Commissioner Edgreen said.

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BRINGING JOY AFTER THE STORM SENDING CHRISTMAS TOYS TO HURRICANE VICTIMS

By Aubrey Lesnett

Hurricane Helene made landfall in the Big Bend area of the Florida Gulf Coast as a Category 4 storm late in the evening of September 26, 2024. Helene's largest impact was across the southern Appalachians, where widespread, unprecedented flooding occurred with hundreds of fatalities and billions in property damage. Strong wind gusts damaged property and blew trees and power lines down in a swath from the Gulf Coast to the North Carolina mountains. With maximum wind speeds of 140 mph, Helene weakened as it moved quickly inland before degenerating to a post tropical storm over Tennessee on September 27. The storm then stalled over the state before dissipating two days later.

Florida and Georgia preemptively declared states of emergency ahead of Helene's arrival, anticipating severe effects like coastal storm surge and hurricane-force winds reaching Atlanta. Hurricane warnings extended further inland due to Helene's fast motion. The storm caused catastrophic rainfall-triggered flooding, particularly in eastern Tennessee, southwest Virginia, and western North Carolina.

In the aftermath of Helene, it's been amazing to watch how communities pulled together, including members from our own little corner of the world. When some of the community members of Greene County saw the path of devastation left behind by Hurricane Helene, they offered as much help as they could. Members of the Rolling Meadows Church of God felt they were being called to help their "neighbors."

When the holiday season rolled around, they developed a plan in the spirit of giving and decided on a toy drive for the children affected by Helene. The church asked for new, unopened toys for children 0-14 years old.

They had various drop-off points in November and early December, including the Veterans Day and Christmas parades in Waynesburg, among others.

The church, church members, and other community members pulled together to show that loving their neighbors extended far beyond geographical boundaries.

When asked for a rough estimate of how many toys they collected for this toy drive, Pastor Richard Berkey, from the Rolling Meadows Church of God, said, "I don't know how many toys or other items were given, but the folks in North Carolina estimated around \$40,000 from Greene County and surrounding areas was collected." He added that another church in Florida donated three pallets full of toys. He is grateful that so many people donated to those less fortunate.

"The best part about this toy drive was seeing the compassion of all the people in state and out of state, showing God's love in a practical way to people they didn't know."

"As far as doing it again, I believe we need to help where we can and when we can," he said, and he's doing just that. Pastor Berkey also stated that he will work with another local church to help the victims of hurricane Helene again, but this time will raise money for heating oil and propane to give to those victims that are still living in tents. His goal is to send that out by mid-February.

It's safe to say that without the generosity of the church and community members, some of those children may not have had much of a Christmas. Pastor Berkey would also like to give a huge thank you to the Greene County community for donating so many toys, and thank the Chamber of Commerce for their help.






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Activities

If you're looking to celebrate Galentine's Day with your best friends, gather your friends and head to The Denny House on Sunday, February 9 at noon for a Galentine's Day High Tea at noon. The High Tea is \$30/person and reservations are required.

The Nemaocolin Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a special Ladies Night Out for Galentine's Day on Saturday, February 8 from 4pm to 8pm. Each ticketed guest



will receive a personal charcuterie board and access to iced coffee bar. Snacks are also available for purchase at the kitchen. The event also features vendors, manicurists, masseuses, music, games, and more; vendors and their services are an additional fee paid at their tables. Tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased by visiting the Nemaocolin VFD Facebook page. Interested in being a vendor? Tables are \$25 each; to purchase a spot, call 724-984-1959 or email DavePlavi@gmail.com.

Masontown Matters is hosting the St. Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 15 from 5pm to 10pm at American Legion Post 423 in McClellandtown. Tickets are \$30 each and proceeds benefit Masontown's annual Independence Day celebration and other activities throughout the year. Music at the event will be provided by The Vibrations and catered food will be available.

Other activities perfect for a Galentine's or Valentine's date include creating a customized candle at Hiway Candle Bar, painting ceramics at Gloria's Ceramics and Greene Gifts, attending the Psychic Empath Workshop on February 15 at Enchanted Moon Acres (or some of their other services), or attending the Valentine's Party at Jessop Boat Club on February 15.

Gifts

If you're looking for the perfect gift, plenty small, local businesses have something that's just right for a unique gift. Gifts for him or her can be found at the Fashion Shoppe, Mickey's Mens Store, Kiln to Table, Gloria's Ceramics and Greene Gifts, Ozie's Sports Shop, Kevin's Archery, Specialty Herbal, Lippencott Alpacas, Gypsy Rambler, Hungarian Smokehouse, The Dutch House, and more. Check out these and other local businesses to find something special for your someone special!

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Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

L. EVANS PARCELL LOG HOUSE MODEL

L. Evans Parcell, a native of Washington County, was born to Stephen Parcell and Emma Ann (Minor) Parcell in 1891 and is well known for his work as an illustrator. Parcell studied engineering at Washington and Jefferson College and, later, art at the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh and the Art Students League in New York.

During the 1920s, he was well known as an illustrator and artist. However, in 1930 his studio in Washington County burned, and he gave up illustration. Parcell began creating models and dioramas. His studies in engineering came in handy, as Parcell would create many of his own tools – including special saws and lathes and creating various kinds of motors to run this equipment. He also used a surgeon's scalpel, a sculptor's chisel, small paint brushes, and dental tools to create his miniatures.

Parcell was also a student of history. He was considered a leading authority on the frontier forts of western Pennsylvania and local Indian lore, legends and history. Many of his miniature dioramas fall into these themes. The Greene County Historical Society Museum has one such diorama in its collection.

Created in the 1930s, the GCHS diorama is a historically accurate model of a

log cabin homestead, as one might have appeared in the later part of the 19th century. Complete with a corn crib, out house (or privy) and other outbuildings the model is highly detailed. The log house itself is made with individual logs, and the logs are chinked with small stones and mortar, just as a real cabin would have been. The cabin is in part roofed with individual shingles, and on other parts it has standing seam tin roofing.

Not one item is overlooked. The front porch is furnished with tools and utensils, and the lady of the house is represented by a seated figure working on her daily chores. Around back of the cabin is a fire pit, small animals, and other features that would have been commonplace on a homestead at the time.

This diorama is on permanent display in the second-floor children's area of the museum, and is a prominent feature in our turn-of-the-century playroom.

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Going Greene: THE OLD LOG COURTHOUSE

By Matthew Cumberledge

Once Greene County was formed and the county government established, a pressing need became immediately apparent: finding a location for the county's seat of government. A large tract of centrally located land in Franklin Township was purchased from Thomas Slater to establish the county seat of Waynesburg. The town was laid out, divided into lots, and the first lot was sold to Christian Sellers for the sum of twenty-one dollars. A location to hold court, however, had not yet been determined. So, on January 2, 1797, the first court was held at the home of Jacob Cline on Muddy Creek, about five miles east of Waynesburg. Shortly thereafter, the county gained a lot at the intersection of Greene Street and Whiskey Alley in the newly formed town of Waynesburg. They began the construction of a log courthouse. This log building still stands and is now the home of Cornerstone Genealogical Society. On April 3, 1797, court was convened at Jacob Clines residence for the last time, then moved that same day and adjourned in the freshly built log courthouse.

The log courthouse served the steadily growing county for just three years, when in 1800, John Milliken, of Morris Township,

Greene County Pennsylvania, was contracted to build a new brick courthouse in the public square, along High Street in Waynesburg. This courthouse was on the same site as, and later replaced by, the current courthouse.

Over the course of the next two centuries, the original log courthouse served as a residence for several families and would be the site of different businesses.

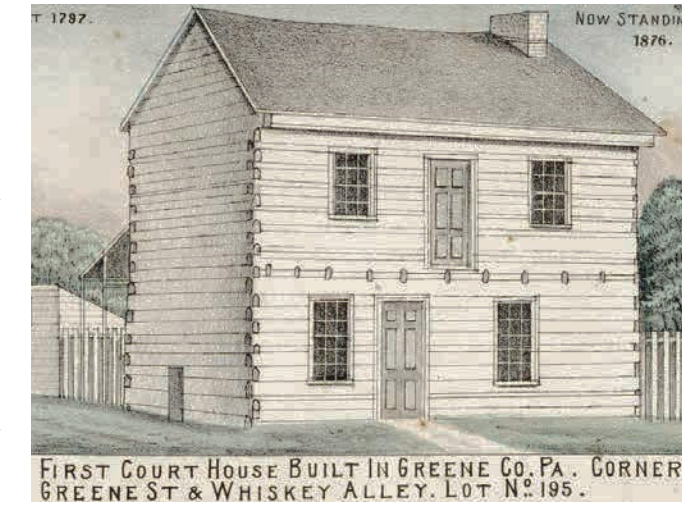
Many of us will remember the appear-

ance of the original log courthouse as it appeared before its restoration in the early 2000s, with its light blue siding and signage for "Davin's Strip Shop," a furniture stripping business that was the last active business to occupy the building.

The County of Greene acquired the log courthouse in April 2000, and restoration began. At the time, Cornerstone Genealogical Society had outgrown the space that they

occupied on the second floor of the Bowlby Library and received a lease for the log courthouse and convert it into their new home - a home which they still occupy today.

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Public Service Profile

By Emily Capule

WEST GREENE STUDENT HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

West Greene High School's National Honor Society (NHS) asks all second-year members to do a volunteer service project in their community. The service project encourages students to connect with the community by choosing a meaningful organization and planning an impactful event for them.

Eryka Hackney is a Junior at West Greene High School, and this year was her chance to do a service project for the NHS. She reached out to several organizations in the community, but ultimately felt the strongest connection with the Salvation Army of Greene County. Eryka and her mom talked about the intense winter we are having and spoke about the heating needs of our local veterans and seniors. That's when the service project became solidified in Eryka's mind. Initially, the project was to partner with the local Salvation Army for their "Warm Hearts Initiative" to raise money for heating bills throughout the winter. However, the project didn't stop there!

It extended to collecting materials for veterans and seniors in need, such as laundry pods, socks, blankets, body wash, shampoo, etc. Eryka arranged four drop-off points she monitored frequently for donations to pick up and deliver to her contact at the Salvation Army. She later put together a creamed chicken dinner to raise additional monetary funds for the HVAC needs of veterans, which totaled over \$1,300.

When asked about her experience organizing this event, Eryka said, "Through my service project, I have learned the value of taking initiative, building lasting connections, and giving back to the community. It has taught me to be deeply grateful for every opportunity to make a difference."

Eryka's donations surpassed expectations to such a degree that extra blankets will go to a children's non-profit, and over 600 bottles of shampoo and conditioner will support the Lions Club's "stuff-the-bus" campaign, a collaboration with other

local non-profits.

After being crowned 2024's Greene County Fair Queen, it really is no surprise that Eryka is such a natural leader and providing a positive impact in our community. She is involved in many other charitable organizations throughout Greene County, as well as supporting her classmates during their endeavors with their NHS service projects. Eryka's service project at West Greene High School made connections through our local community by joining with an organization, but in the end, she is helping many organizations with her hard work and skills, while getting people to come together to donate items.

If you would like to be involved in Eryka's service project through the Salvation Army of Greene County, please contact 724-710-8569.

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In addition to preparation and filing services available, TCE offers free tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

The programs will begin screening taxpayers for appointments in mid-January for appointments available February 3, 2025 through April 11, 2025 at the Uniontown Mall. To schedule appoint-

ments, taxpayers should call Lora Thresher at 724.437.6050 ext. 4276 beginning Tuesday, January 21st; scheduling will not begin until this date.

To operate the programs, FCCAA is recruiting new VITA/TCE volunteers. Volunteers will be connected to online IRS-developed trainings, receive course materials, must pass an exam to receive the certification required and pass a background check to volunteer within the program. For more information about volunteering, residents should call Ms. Thresher at 724.437.6050 ext. 4276 or email her at lthresher@fccaa.org.

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WAYNESBURG U. TO UTILIZE ALSTON FARM FOR SPECIAL COURSE: "BEES, FLOWERS AND SOCIETY"

Waynesburg University will offer a special topics course titled, "Bees, Flowers and Society," at its off-campus property, Alston Farm, during the upcoming spring 2025 semester.

The course, which will be the first to be held at the farm, is open to any Waynesburg student with an interest in bees, flowers and preserving Pennsylvania's ecosystems.

"We will explore the important ecological relationship between flowers and honey bees by building our own bee farm (apiary) and planting flowers that are pollinated by bees in the production of honey," Dr. Janet Paladino, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at Waynesburg University, said.

Within the curriculum, students will take part in discussions on the important relationship between plants and pollinators and how to identify each, as well as the impact of bees on agriculture and the corresponding conservation challenges.

Dr. Paladino will co-teach the course with Professor Andrew Heisey, who worked on the award-winning Plastics to Progress course with Dr. Paladino and others. They plan to install a total of four hives at the farm in the spring, where students will learn about the biology of bees and pollinators.

"Using what they learn, they [students] will care for our new bees and grow plants that will support them," added Heisey. "The goal is to expand this program into a micro student industry to sell not only honeybee products but also cut flowers. Hopefully, this course will be the start of many future endeavors to use the farm to teach other environmental science topics or expand into agricultural educational programs."

The idea for the course was generated through Dr. Paladino's passion for growing

native plants and cut farming and Heisey's recent interest in beekeeping.

With a deep fear of stinging insects, Heisey's drive to explore the possibility of launching a beekeeping program at the University worked to not only help him overcome that fear but discover a new passion.

"I tell everyone that, 'I am emotionally allergic to bees,'" he joked. "However, as the need for someone to investigate a beekeeping program at WU, God put on my heart a passion to learn everything I could about this potential business venture."

With God's leading, Heisey spent time with local beekeepers to inspect their hives and even took a community beekeeping course through Penn State Extension. With the help of these local beekeepers, he aims to generate ideas on how to create a honey business at the University, where students will be able to put their entrepreneurial skills to use alongside their newfound beekeeping knowledge.

Dr. Paladino said she believes hands-on experiences are the most successful ways to teach students about environmental science. It also gives them a real-world look at some of the environmental issues happening around the globe.

"Students may hear about the loss of native ecosystems on social media, but rarely have the opportunity to experience issues and potential solutions first hand, and are unaware about what can be done to insure food security and our local economies in the future," she said.

Through hands-on learning at Alston Farm, she also hopes it will encourage young people to consider farming opportunities in rural areas like Greene County.

"As of the 2022 Farm Census, Pennsyl-



vania leads the country in the percentage of young farmers at 12%, but most of these are in urban locations," she shared. "We would like to encourage young people to recognize the small farming opportunities that exist in rural areas like Greene County, which continues to fade in vibrancy as a farming community. We hope to educate students in land conservation and building industries that connect marginalized communities with opportunities in agriculture."

In the future, Dr. Paladino plans to offer a course in Agricultural Entrepreneurship at the farm. Grants are also being explored to offer funding for student internships at Alston Farm during the summer.

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



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Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

GREENE COUNTY SPORTS FACTS

Due to the hectic pace of my holiday activities, I am once again going to borrow one of my father's old tricks. When the muse has failed to deliver a cogent, cohesive revelation of meaningful insight, resort to short unrelated anecdotes and yarns. In other words, here comes a series of random Greene County sports facts that are a mile wide and an inch deep.

In 1895, Jesse Hazlett scored the first touchdown in Waynesburg College history. His touchdown occurred when he stole the ball from the arms of a West Virginia Mountaineer runner named St. Clair. He reached the opponent's goal line untouched for the historic first score. Hazlett went on to become a physician and served as the team doctor until his death.

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

Willis Hutchins of Brave broke the World Record for the 100 Yard Dash while he was a member of a local track club. Hutchins had been a star athlete at Waynesburg College from 1909-1913. After graduation, he returned to Brave and opened a small mercantile business. On Labor Day of 1914, he made the trip to West View Park in Pittsburgh and broke the record with a time of 9.6 seconds. He returned home and continued running his business, where most of the locals were unaware of the celebrity in town.

There was a Nineveh or Morris Township High School until 1932. The high point of their football program came in 1925. Despite having only 28 students in the school, they fielded a team with 14 boys. The team traveled to Carmichaels for the final game of the season. In what the Waynesburg Democrat described as "the biggest upset in County history", Nineveh trounced Cumberland Township 42-12. The win gave them their only official County Championship. Their 1927 team was also loaded with talent, including players such as Bird Clutter, Earl Mankey and future Waynesburg College star Jake Porter. The big game of the season came when they hosted undefeated Jefferson for the de facto Class B County Championship. Four unusually large Jeff linemen had "taped their faces" for the game. When the tape came off during the game, they were recognized as Waynesburg College players. According to newspaper reports of the time, "the players were chased halfway back to Waynesburg" by the fans in attendance.

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

Waynesburg High School and Waynesburg College star Wettie Mancuso played professional basketball in Buffalo during the 1935-36 season. He played for the Buffalo Bison of the Mid-West Conference. The following year, that group of teams was renamed the National Basketball League. Ten years later, that league merged with the Basketball Association of America to create the National Basketball Association.

The banner in the Waynesburg Central gym lists only one boys' basketball section title. The 1935 team ended tied for the section lead when they split with Canonsburg during the regular season. At that time, teams would play each other in an elimination game to go to the WPIAL playoffs. The elimination game was scheduled to be played on a neutral floor at Wash High. After a 41-34 play-in victory, the team beat Duquesne in the next round at Pitt Stadium before losing to Rankin in the semi-finals. However, the 1945-46 team also won the section title after beating Wash High 33-30 in a section tie-breaking playoff game. They also had two future Pirate minor league baseball players in the line-up - Dick Drury and Ralph Lewis.

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

Waynesburg College finished in seventh place at the 1950 NCAA Wrestling Championships. Tony Gizoni won the 121-pound championship by decision over Arnold Plaza of Purdue. The team finished behind only Iowa State, Purdue, Cornell, Syracuse, Oklahoma A&M (State) and Iowa. Penn State, Oklahoma and Navy rounded out the top ten.

Jack Wiley's 1952 Waynesburg College football team finished 6-1, with the only defeat a 21-9 loss at West Virginia University. They soundly defeated West Liberty, Geneva, Bethany, St. Francis, Westminster and St. Vincent. An October game against Chincotague Naval Base was canceled due to the Korean War.

On the gridiron, Waynesburg College guard John Barish was named an NAIA First Team All-American in 1954. He was drafted in the 12th round by the Washington Redskins but decided to answer the call of the U.S. Army. He played semi-

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professional ball for the Wheeling Ironmen from 1962-64.

Captain Joseph E. "Joe" Riggs, U.S.M.C. of Waynesburg won the Leech Cup in 1955 for long distance shooting with a score of 100-15V. The Leech Cup is an award named after Arthur Blennerhassett Leech, and given to long range shooters. It is the oldest trophy awarded (1901) in competitive target shooting in the United States.

Ben Cree was a WPIAL Wrestling Champion from Mapletown. In 1955, he defeated Ron Haus of Latrobe in the finals by a score of 4-3. Mapletown also won the County Wrestling Championship that year. They were followed at the tournament by Jefferson, Waynesburg and Carmichaels.

Also, the Maple's Sam Minor was voted the County's Outstanding Wrestler after an undefeated regular season in 1954-55. However, he was upset by Jefferson's Jim Dollar in the WPIAL semi-finals on a referee's decision.

Jim Husk was a member of the Waynesburg High School conference champion football teams at the end of the 1950s, and he went on to receive a full scholarship to play running back at Xavier University. However, he was also a great wrestler on the four undefeated Raider wrestling teams of the period. It was on the mat he would create his most enduring legacy. In 2001, Husk was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. While coaching at several high schools in Florida, Husk compiled an incredible 595-67-4 career record. At Miami Southridge High School, he won seven state team titles and 17 district titles. His teams also finished as state runners-up four times. In addition, he coached 55 individual state champions and was named the Florida State Coach of the Year eight times. He was also named the National High School Coach of the Year twice.

The 1959 Yellow Jacket baseball team included locals Mike Stefanik at first base, Gene Yost in right field, and Tom Croftcheck behind the plate. Second baseman Ed Inhot had been offered a contract with the Baltimore Orioles but decided to return to school to complete his degree.

Inhot also coached the college's first iteration of a women's basketball team since the 1920s. They were called the Honeybees and played an informal schedule.

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At the recent Greene County Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Waynesburg Central Coach Butch Brunell hosted a reunion of his state champion pole vaulters from his illustrious career. They are from left to right: Marissa Kalsey (2010), Drew Layton (2023), Taylor Shriver (2021), Coach Brunell, Jocelyn (Lindsay) Vojsik (1999,2002)

The year 2024 ended on an upswing for fifth grader Kinsley Rodeheaver. In November, her All-star cheer team won a bid to compete in the world competition this spring in Florida. Congratulations Kinsley and teammates!



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JM GATE Program Goes Digital with New Podcast Series on Spotify

Jefferson-Morgan Elementary School has an innovative new project: the GATE Gators Podcast. Teachers Mrs. Courtney Ignaski and Ms. Kelly Keruskin have been eager to develop the idea for several years: "Our hope is that initiatives like the GATE Gators podcast can inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning in all of our students," shares Ms. Keruskin. The students involved in the podcast are having a great time while developing valuable, lifelong skills.

The idea was inspired by the school principal Sam Silbaugh. "When Mr. Silbaugh and our assistant principal, Sara Bates, approached us over the summer... we saw it as the perfect opportunity to bring his vision to life while also providing our gifted students with a platform to showcase their creativity and research skills," says Keruskin.

The podcast is part of the Gifted and Talented Education program (GATE). There are currently 29 GATE "Gators" from the 4th through 6th grade GATE students. The podcast gives students the opportunity to research subjects they find interesting. They work together to create scripts, record the podcast, and select the sound effects and music, while Mrs. Ignaski and Ms. Keruskin handle much of the editing.

There are currently eleven episodes of the podcast on Spotify. Each student has handled one episode so far. The podcast episodes are usually released on school-year Mondays. Keruskin says, "Podcasting seemed like an ideal way for students to not only conduct in-depth research on topics they are passionate about, but also to share their findings and interests with the...community. It's a platform that empowers students to take ownership of their learning while developing valuable

skills like writing, public speaking, collaboration, and digital literacy."

Mrs. Ignaski explains, "While the podcast itself is a special project for students in the GATE program, we encourage all students to engage with the podcast in other ways. Any student can submit a research topic through our website at theswap@jmsd.org." The school's Pre-K teacher, Ms. Mullen suggested one topic. Listeners are encouraged to like, comment, and subscribe to the GATE Gators podcast on Spotify.

Podcasting helps to strengthen key skills such as writing, communication and public speaking. The students learn to speak with confidence while recording, which boosts their self-esteem and prepares them for future presentation and speaking opportunities. Selecting sound effects and background music requires creativity, and exploring media production enhances digital literacy.

Students learn to work individually and to collaborate when brainstorming ideas, reviewing scripts, and providing feedback. This builds social-emotional skills such as giving and receiving constructive criticism and working towards a common goal. Finally, students enhance their technical skills



Cole Neil prepares the podcast "Spirit of the Sioux: Exploring a Great Nation". Cole was the researcher and podcaster for this story on the history, culture, and traditions of the Sioux Nation.

by using audio editing software and working with digital tools.

Ms. Keruskin finds the experience, "ALWAYS rewarding...each episode is a unique reflection of their hard work and creativity. The true joy is in the journey we take together as a class, and as each podcast gets better, it reinforces how much the students are learning and evolving as creators and communicators."



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tive and enjoyable outdoor activity. Cross-country skiing is a low-impact activity that puts minimal stress on your joints, while providing an excellent aerobic exercise, improving cardiovascular health and working the muscles in your arms, legs, core, and back.

Skiing through quiet, snow-covered forests or across open fields fosters a sense of tranquility and mindfulness. The rhythmic, repetitive nature of skiing can help clear your mind, reduce anxiety, and improve mental clarity. Like many forms of physical exercise, cross-country skiing promotes the release of endorphins, which are natural mood boosters.

The combination of physical exertion and being outdoors in nature has been shown to reduce stress and improve overall mood.

Cross country skiing requires less infrastructure than downhill skiing and is often more accessible.

Many trails are free or low-cost to use, and you don't need to rely on ski lifts. Cross-country skiing is a great way to explore winter landscapes and enjoy the outdoors without a significant financial investment.

Cross-country skiing requires specific gear to ensure comfort, safety, and performance. The gear you need can vary depending on the type of cross-country skiing you're doing, but the essential equipment typically includes skis, boots, poles, and clothing.

- Your boots should be flexible, support your ankle, and match the binding system on your skis.
- Ski poles are used for balance and support. They should typically be the height of your shoulder, and are made of aluminum, fiberglass, or carbon fiber.
- Depending on the snow conditions, you may need to apply wax to your skis. Classic skis may require kick wax for grip, while both classic and skate skis often need glide wax for speed.
- For added support, especially for the knees or ankles, compression gear can help prevent injuries or alleviate soreness.

Each piece of gear is designed to enhance your performance, comfort, and safety, so it's important to choose the right equipment for your skill level and the type of terrain you'll be skiing on. Once you're set up with the proper gear, you can focus on enjoying the

beauty and benefits of cross-country skiing!

Classic skiing is the most traditional form and involves a diagonal stride, similar to walking or running. The movement in classic skiing consists of alternating legs, pushing off with one ski while the other glides forward.

Start with your skis parallel in the tracks. Keep your body slightly bent forward, with your arms at a relaxed angle and your core engaged. Begin by pushing off with one leg while the opposite ski glides forward. Extend the gliding leg straight behind you as you push off with the opposite leg. Use your arms to help propel yourself forward.

Your arms should follow the opposite leg (right arm with the left leg and vice versa). When pushing off with your legs, your arms should be extended forward. As you slide, the poles help you push off and maintain momentum. The poles should be used primarily for pushing and maintaining rhythm, rather than as a crutch to propel you. The poles should land at a 45-degree angle behind you during the push-off phase, then move forward for the next stride.

After pushing off with one leg, glide on the opposite ski while keeping your weight centered. During this phase, aim to keep your body in a straight line and avoid leaning too much to one side. The key to the diagonal stride is maintaining a smooth rhythm: kick-push, glide. Focus on transferring your weight effectively from one ski to the other during each stride. This should feel like a continuous, fluid motion.

Cross-country skiing is all about efficient technique. Proper weight transfer to the gliding ski is crucial for maintaining speed and balance. Proper form and rhythmic movement will allow you to glide farther, faster, and with less energy. Maintain a steady pace to avoid burning out quickly.

Sledding is one of the most fun and accessible winter activities, but even though it's simple, having the right gear can help ensure a safer and more enjoyable experience.

The type of sled you use depends on the terrain and your preference. Some common sled types include plastic or foam sleds, metal sleds, toboggans, or snow tubes. For younger children, choose smaller, lightweight sleds that they can control more easily or a better choice. A pull-behind sled can be easier for parents to carry, while

kids may enjoy using simple plastic saucers or toboggans. Ensure that sleds for small children have handles or a rope for parents to control, and make sure the sledding hill is safe and clear of obstacles.

While not always required, wearing a helmet can help prevent head injuries, especially on fast hills or if you plan to try tricks or go down steeper slopes. Other optional safety gear includes knee and elbow pads, goggles, or reflective gear (for low-light conditions). The right gear will keep you warm, dry, and safe while having fun sledding down the hills!

Snowshoeing is an accessible and enjoyable winter activity that offers numerous benefits for physical health and mental well-being. It is an excellent cardiovascular workout that engages multiple muscle groups, and it improves stamina, strength, and endurance while promoting balance and coordination. The snow provides a softer surface, reducing the stress on joints compared to high-impact sports, making it suitable for individuals of all fitness levels and ages.

Snowshoeing is easy to learn and requires minimal equipment. It can be done in various settings, from groomed trails to untouched backcountry, making it a versatile and easily accessible winter activity.

To enjoy snowshoeing, you'll need some essential gear to ensure your comfort and safety. Here's a list of the key items you should consider:

- Choose the right size and type of snowshoes based on your weight, the terrain you'll be traversing, and the type of snow conditions.
- Waterproof, insulated boots with good traction are ideal. Ensure they are compatible with your snowshoes and provide enough support for walking in snow.
- You may also want trekking poles to help with balance on uneven terrain.

Greene County's rural landscape offers the perfect setting for winter recreation, with its scenic, snow-covered trails and open spaces providing endless opportunities. Whether you're cross-country skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, or simply enjoying the tranquility of nature, the county's peaceful surroundings make it an ideal place for winter fun.

Ryerson Station State Park is a great place to enjoy multiple winter recreation activities. Ungroomed park trails are open for cross-country skiing, several small hills throughout the park are suitable for sled-

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Winter recreation activities offer an exhilarating way to embrace the colder months, providing not only a source of enjoyment but also a multitude of physical and mental health benefits. From cross country skiing to snowshoeing, these activities encourage individuals to engage with the beauty of winter landscapes while promoting fitness through outdoor movement. Additionally, winter recreation fosters social connections, as people often gather with family and friends to share in these experiences. Embracing winter activities can enhance mood, reduce stress, and create lasting memories, making the chill of winter a season to look forward to.

Some requirements for enjoying outdoor activities are the same, regardless of the activity:

- Dress in layers to regulate your body temperature, using moisture-wicking base layers, insulating mid-layers, and waterproof and windproof outer layers. Pants should allow freedom of movement, and moisture-wicking socks are best.
- A hat or headband is important for keeping your head warm, while allowing heat to escape during strenuous activity. Gloves or mittens that allow dexterity while keeping your hands warm are also important.
- A small backpack to carry essential items such as water, snacks, a first-aid kit, emergency blanket, extra clothing layers, navigational gear, whistle, headlamp, sunscreen, sunglasses, and any additional gear you may need on your outing.

Cross-country skiing offers a wide range of physical, mental, and emotional benefits, making it a highly effective

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