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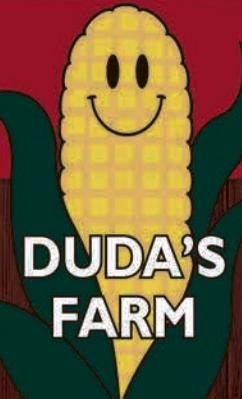
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# I Love this Community — HARVEYS ALEPPO GRANGE By Colleen Nelson

Won't you be my neighbor? It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood of Harveys Aleppo Grange – a neighborhood that stretches from the grange hall on State Rt. 21 near Graysville to every point in West Greene. And beyond.

This perennial community center where Harveys Aleppo grangers meet in regular session every Tuesday at 6pm is also a gathering place for neighbors and friends. The West Greene Senior Center does lunch and plays some cutthroat cinch here every Thursday from 9 am until early afternoon and Graysville American Legion holds its monthly meetings every second Thursday evening. The electronic sign in the front yard lets passersby know what special events might be happening, from a meet the candidates night to hunter safety classes.

Need to rent the hall for a reception, a graduation or family reunion? Give us a call.

Need a place to hold a community event? We're happy to support you.

Getting ready to graduate from West Greene and want to go further? Ask for a scholarship application.

(Congratulations Trevor Triplett! You won the 2023 scholarship. So happy you've been accepted at WVU. See you at the Jacktown Fair!)

When member Tracy Stewart nominated her grange for *GreeneScene Magazine's* Good Neighbor recognition this spring, she was happy to be a cheerleader for the cause.

"I know how much good the Grange does and I'm proud to be a member. I can't always get to meetings because of my work schedule, but we all stay in touch on our message board and I call in to meetings when I can't make it. We make it work and I help out wherever I can. We all do. I'm always surprised when people ask me what the grange does because I know we're there for the community in so many ways. I really feel people need to know what we do."

Grange history goes back generations



Eagle Scout Trevor Triplett and Mary Jane Dinsmore Kent Marty Dinsmore at Braddock Cemetery.

through many local farming families that benefited from what the Grange had to offer when farming was gearing up for the 20th century.

When the first grange in Graysville opened in 1913, members hitched up their wagons and met in the Knights of Pythias Hall. The "community service, education, legislation and fellowship" mission of the Grange was now aligned with the agricultural extension program initiated by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. This act of Congress provided federal funding to land grant colleges and placed county agents throughout the United States. When the county Farm Bureau formed in 1915, grangers sat on its board and learned cutting edge farming techniques as they were developed.

"I'm a fourth-generation granger," Worthy Master (President in modern grange lingo) Mary Jane Kent admits. "My father, Gross Dinsmore, raised sheep on the family farm on Nebo Ridge and his dad and granddad were grangers too. I remember falling asleep behind the desk when Daddy was Master. The Grange was our life back then. Meetings were Fridays at 8pm because farm-

ers had to finish their chores before dark."

Over the years, as family farms dwindled, county granges closed but those that remain—Carmichaels, East Franklin and Harveys Aleppo—have kept the Grange tradition alive. When Sam Harvey (1915-2014) retired in 1986, he returned home to buy back the family farm and donate the land where today's grange hall stands. Its dual purpose as a community center allowed members to continue to serve even as their family farming tradition was lost. There were still things to advocate for in rural America that would reveal themselves going forward, including reliable Internet access, now a National Grange priority project.

When nearby Aleppo Grange 2054 lost its hall to undermining in 2009, members voted to join forces and became Harveys Aleppo Grange 1444. State Master Betsy Huber came to visit and was instrumental in navigating the paperwork and legalities involved in combining the assets of both organizations into a force for doing even more community good.

For Harveys Aleppo Grange, helping kids with the cost of post high school educa-

tion tops the to-do list.

Grange members, friends and volunteers from the community man the Bingo Hall at the Jacktown Fair every year to raise money for the West Greene Scholarship Fund.

This year's winner, Trevor Triplett, will be helping out at the Bingo Hall almost every night, so be sure to stop by and congratulate him! Trevor spent some quality time at the grange hall as a kid with Cub Scout Troop 1600 when the troop held their meetings there. For his Eagle Scout project Trevor made grangers proud by mapping and cleaning up the historic Braddock Cemetery on Ackley Creek Road. The project included holding a creamed chicken dinner for donations to build a map stand and purchase a stone to honor the unmarked graves of Revolutionary War Privates Abner Braddock and Francis M. Braddock and Sargent Thomas Vannatta and Private Noah D. Clutter of the Civil War.

Neighbors helping neighbors is how small communities survive and thrive. As part of the drive to update much needed fire-

fighting equipment and gear, Harveys Aleppo Grange donated \$1000 to Graysville Fire Department in 2013 along with a community citizen award and did the same for Center Township Fire Department in 2016.

Helping kids caught up in the court system due to abuse or neglect is another worthy cause the



Retiring the flag after the joint county Pomona Meeting at Lone Pine Grange.



## GOOD NEIGHBORS MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES

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Grange scholarship winner Anna Durbin helping out with bingo last year at the Jacktown Fair.

grange funds and gives volunteer supports through CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates program of Greene County.

“It takes all of us to keep the Grange active in the community,” Mary Jane said. “We feel blessed that we can work together like this. We can do so much more good that way.”

Being neighborly also means reaching beyond West Greene and across county lines, with Meet the Candidates nights, Veterans Recognition and most recently, a shared quarterly Pomona meeting with Washington County at Lone Pine Grange on June 10.

Harveys Aleppo was there to give its quarterly report to Pomona, along with those of Carmichaels and East Franklin granges.

The reports sparked with public invitations to spaghetti dinners at Chestnut Ridge and South Strabane granges, funnel cakes every Friday and an upcoming line dance on June 24 at Ginger Hill Grange. Long Branch Grange of Coal Center is having a Dinner Theater with Cathi Rhodes “The Miss Patsy Cline of Pennsylvania” on July 29 that in-

cludes dinner at 6 pm. Tickets are a \$25 donation and must be purchased in advance. Call 724-469-2736.

Long Branch granger and retired Albert Gallatin teacher Sarah Register is delighted to tell me she recognized some of her old students in the story I wrote about Mason-town. “I had Warren Hughes my first year of teaching!” She lives close enough to Fredericktown to get GreeneScene Magazine in her mailbox and loves learning about what’s happening beyond county lines. I’ve brought two months of recent magazines with me and pass them out to other grangers, inviting them to consider staying in touch by advertising or posting on the community events page.

Let’s stay in touch, we decide. Carmichaels Grange is having a picnic on July 8, 2 pm at their grange hall (now owned by Back Bay Catering) on 510 Ceylon Drive. A headcount is needed by June 30 and the grange will provide all the food. Washington County granges are invited!



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# GreeneScene of the Past

By Colleen Nelson

Oh, what a blast from the past! When I pulled the 2009 - 2010 Aleppo Grange Subordinate Lecture's Scrapbook off the shelf I was looking for an old photo to write about – one that would bring back memories and maybe some smiles from those of you reading here. What I found was a personal time capsule so potent it took my breath away. Page after page of photo collages with bright bold text, perfectly preserved in plastic sleeves, dialed the past back up to yesterday. Dutifully recorded and submitted to State Grange, this scrapbook tells the story of the pivotal grange year when Aleppo Grange 2054 joined forces with Harveys Grange and became Harveys Aleppo Grange 1444. This is also the year Chaplain Mae Richardson “was taken from us August 30, 2010 after a brief struggle with leukemia. She is sorely missed.” Her smiling face lights up her dedication page. Husband Lester is beside her; Margaret Moninger is too. I read the words that I wrote more than a dozen years ago and remember....

“Mae was an active and valued Granger friend and neighbor, always there to help, always willing to pitch in. A Marine, a mother of nine and a loyal member of her church, Mae gave life her all. This scrapbook was one of Mae’s favorite projects.”

Mine too. Lecturer Kay Harris was so busy helping out with her new grandbaby that year, she asked Mae and me to help her and we were happy to oblige.

I chose this photo collage to share because it captures us in action throughout that last perfect season of being Aleppo Grangers.

There’s Tom Ellsworth in the kitchen, pushing cooked apples through the grinder and Walter McDowell is scooping the apples out of their broth for Tom to grind. Gallon ice cream buckets of sauce will be needed to make apple butter in a copper kettle over the fire for Arts in the Park 2009 at Ryerson Station State Park. New manager Alan Johnson was sure glad to find us keeping history alive at when he arrived! The grange had been volunteering for ten years with last manager Jeff Anna to make this a fall destination weekend. When Duke Lake was lost on July 28, 2005 after its dam fractured during nearby long wall mining operations, the grange and the festival carried on, making apple butter and selling cabbage and noodles to pay our bills. (What made our cabbage and noodles a sellout item? I asked Lorraine Keenan one day in the kitchen as we chopped cabbage then chopped some more. “Butter!”)

When undermining in 2009 cracked the walls of the old general store that was our grange hall at the crossroads of Aleppo Road and State Route 21, we considered our options, accepted the settlement offered and prepared to join with Harveys Grange in Graysville. With the new contract for continuing the festival tradition assured, Aleppo Grange members joined the new Friends of Ryerson group and our Treasurer Carol Stein became chairman of the new board. The Friends tried out some new events—a Halloween costume parade, some more good eating at the January 2010 Winterfest Chili Cook Off, an afternoon of fly tying with Ken Duffalla in July as the public came to remember having a lake and learn more about the park’s plans going forward. Public turnout told us we were on the right path.

There were loose ends to be tied up as Aleppo Grange prepared its exit. There’s Mae Richardson, beaming as she holds up a donated pair of rocking blue velour pants at the Dollar a Bag – All you can stuff in! – Store she set up every

Pantry Day. This is the day we all turned out to help. Hershel Moore and Lea Gray were two of our most reliable volunteers; Hershel wasn’t one to let his oxygen bottle slow him down. Our ten years of being a Corner Cupboard food pantry site serving at least 80 local families was passed on to the still viable church building next door. Some members stayed on as volunteers; as RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) coordinator, I would continue counting the hours that volunteers 55 and older contributed to this Federal program. Nellie Tustin’s daughter Candace Webster would grow up to be director of today’s Corner Cupboard Food Bank on Rolling Meadows Road, Waynesburg, overseeing pantries throughout the county that serve so many families.

In October 2009 we supported the Womens Center for a tenth year during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Our public meeting lecturer program discussed what was being reported locally and what could be done about it through education and the law. Since we had no shelter of our own, our gift basket of toiletries, diapers, clothing, toys and cash would go to Greene County families displaced and living in the Womens Center shelter in Washington County.

The official Grange year ends with the September harvest and all good deeds and resolutions are reported and acted on at every State Session in October. Our scrapbook wrapped things up with the happy news that Harveys Aleppo Grange #1444 was now official and I got busy painting the backdrop that would tie our grange exhibits together at the Jacktown and Greene County fairs.

That backdrop behind me as I write up yet another grange activity on my laptop is now stashed in my barn, a visual history of my years as a granger with talent to share.

When I became a VISTA worker in the 1980s going door to door asking neighbors what they needed, I was encouraged to join a local organization with deep cultural roots to network with.

Mrs. Helen Dinsmore, one of the perennial volunteers who took what was submitted for judging in the exhibit hall of the Greene County Fair, gave me my best lead.



“You should join the Grange,” she told me looking at the big acrylic painting of the Greene County hills I’d done that year.

So I did.

When I brought in my art to be judged the next year, I thanked Mrs. Dinsmore for encouraging me to join the Grange. My first grange exhibit backdrop on a four by eight foot sheet of plywood was hung and all the attributes of country living were arranged on the steps below. We grangers worked for hours to get it right. There were other grange exhibits stretching along the wall as well, all competing for the blue ribbon – Carmichaels, East Franklin, Harveys, Aleppo, Dunkard.

She looked up with that expression fifth grade teachers reserve for late papers. “You joined the wrong one!”

All’s well that ends well, Helen Dinsmore! We’re all together now and your kids Mary Jane, Marty and Jamie are doing a bang up job keeping the grange tradition alive in Greene County!



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# SHINING THE LIGHT

By Colleen Nelson



Almighty Father, maker of Heaven and Earth....

When President Andrew Johnson sent federal postal clerk Oliver Hudson Kelley to collect agricultural data in the war-ravaged South in 1867, letters from distressed farmers were flooding Washington. What Kelley found that summer was isolated, demoralized, poverty-stricken farms and communities being preyed upon by carpet baggers and swindlers, compounded by primitive farming methods, depleted soils and poor harvests.

What would it take to bring these farming families together as an agrarian fraternity with a mission to bring forth rich harvests and build healthy, thriving communities with

a sense of spiritual togetherness and patriotism in this Civil War-torn land?

Kelley, a Freemason with a farm of his own in Minnesota, returned to Washington and reported his dismal findings to William Saunders, a biologist with the fledgling Department of Agriculture. The plan they worked out would create The Patrons of Husbandry—the Grange. As an organization it offered farm families a place to break bread together while receiving and sharing the information needed to improve soil and crop production and modernize farm family living. Members would forge a cooperative legislative path through local subordinate meetings, to annual state grange sessions to legislation be acted on through the National

Grange with its lobbyists in Congress. Theirs would be a collective voice that would change, and continues to change, life for the better in rural America.

Kelley and his team took a leaf from Greek mythology and the implements of stewardship from the old English countryside to form ritual that gives full credence to The Creator while incorporating the roles those who tend the land would need to thrive: Worthy Master, Overseer, Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Gatekeeper. For business: Secretary and Treasurer. For education and spiritual guidance: Lecturer and Chaplain. For historic inspiration to produce bounty in every season: the Greek symbolism of Flora, Ceres and Pomona. For national unity: the flag of the United States of America to pledge allegiance to at every meeting.

The Grange became a model of equality for its time, with equal rights for women and junior granges for children to conduct for themselves and learn from experience. The organizational power of strength in numbers would be used to benefit rural America as

modern science brought breakthroughs in agriculture. Legislative muscle would bring better living conditions, including rural free delivery and electricity.

This 1875 lithograph heralded the Centennial of 1876 by showcasing the farmer behind his plow, captioned, "I feed you all!" Surrounding him are the professionals, laborers, military and government entities that made up 19th century America. The financial crisis of 1873, triggered when Congress reduced paper money in favor of gold and silver, devastated farmers nationwide as crop prices fell and railroad fees to ship crops rose. This poster was an opening salvo of what was to come as farmers resisted with organized intent, starting cooperatives, using the power of the vote and above all, promoting and practicing modern farming methods that would bring the United States into prosperity.

There was a surge in Grange membership in the mid-1870s, both at the state and national levels as Grangers gave their support to reform movements to break the hold monopolies and special interest groups held on the politics of the day. The educated agrarians of the Grange found their place in the social order as advocates for the science of agriculture coupled with the morality of living a righteous life, summed up in the Grange motto: "In Essentials - Unity. In Nonessentials - Liberty. In All things - Charity"

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# Veterans Corner

## A FAMILY REUNION LIKE NO OTHER

Submitted by  
Donald J. Smith

This reunion began for most of us, male or female, between the ages of 17 and 22. Our family changed, and we joined another family: the United States military family.

I am 74 years old, and my awareness of the enormity and complexity of military life began when I was 22 years old. The Vietnam War was still going on and the United States had a lottery system. This system was used to draft young men like me into the military. A person could also choose to enlist in any branch of the U.S. military. I had recently graduated from college and had the lottery number 144. It was certain that I would be drafted, so in 1971 I volunteered.

Military life was the biggest eye opener of my entire existence. I believed that I was better equipped for military life because I had previously attended college 800 miles from my home. I must admit my biggest fear was the possibility that I might be required to fight on the front lines and possibly being badly wounded or killed. My plans were to get married shortly after my two-year enlistment was completed.

As many of you know, once drafted you did not have the opportunity to choose where you would be stationed or what Military Occupational Specialties, or MOS (military job), you would be trained for.

From day one I realized my military life was uncertain. As the days went on, I met my newly extended military family. These individuals came from all over the United States. Places I had never heard of, and many of these individuals had accents I had never heard before. One thing was for sure, we shared one purpose: TO DEFEND AND PROTECT OUR GREAT COUNTRY. We were taught to always honor and respect those family members who had served before us. Many had lost their lives in combat so we could have the continued privilege to live in our free country.

I will never forget my first Christmas in the Army. I was stationed at Ft. Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas. I had been in the Army for less than one year. Many of the other military members at Ft. Wolters had more seniority and rank than I did. This gave them first choice to go on leave for the holiday. I, along with other military members, provided necessary services at the hospital and various support services which were crucial at Ft. Wolters. The officers' wives at Ft. Wolters assisted the mess hall staff and made homemade goodies. This was the first time in my life that I would not be home for Christmas with my family. It was also the first time that I ever got a steak while eating at the mess hall.

I remember sitting down at the mess hall table and praying. I eventually looked up at the beautiful plate of food. For whatever reason I could not even take a single bite of food. I wasn't sick. I finally realized how separated I was from my natural family. I walked back to the barracks and sat on my bunk. At that point I realized the United States Army was my surrogate parent.

My story, although different in many ways,

is very similar to those experienced by other United States military members. With this in mind, I want readers to explore the term REUNION and relate it to his or her experience in the United States military (past and present). The hardest thing for me to fathom is the enormity of the United States military. No matter what rank, years of military service, branch of the service, or time period we served in the military, we are all vital family members.

Let's examine what military reunions we and our loved ones have attended. Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and funeral services for fellow soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice are just a few. Also, when we visit a fellow soldier(s) at a hospital or VA center we have involved ourselves with another family reunion.

No matter how often I hear Taps played it sends shivers down by spine! The sounds are a constant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice these fallen comrades made to service and protect our country.

Do you remember the times you marched at a Memorial Day celebration? This was another family reunion. Along the parade route it was not uncommon to see veterans from all branches of the military standing at attention and saluting as Old Glory passed by. The same with many other citizens. Military family members participated in various military activities during the day.

I remember five years ago when I returned to my hometown in New Hampshire to participate in the Memorial Day parade. Although, I was 69 years old, I was one of the youngest veterans in our parade formation. The American Legion Commander came up to me and said, "Smitty, would you please come up front?" I immediately did and noticed a deuce and a half in front of our formation. There were five local WWII veterans inside the truck. The Commander asked me to assist them getting off and on the military truck. I immediately said, "Yes, Sir." The saddest thing I saw was the several protesters standing next to the deuce and a half shouting anti-war slogans. I said to the Commander, "Why don't you tell them to get out of here?" He said, "Smitty, keep your mouth closed and look straight ahead." Later the Commander said, "Those protesters were just looking for attention." They sure weren't members of our family.

When life is over, we will participate in our biggest family reunion. We don't know when and how, but we have faith that we will reunite with other military family members who have gone before us. These individuals sacrificed a great deal to serve and protect our Great Nation.

Thanks for your sacrifice and your contributions to those military family reunions. Share with your friends and neighbors your respect for the flag and what it stands for. Also, encourage their respect of military individuals.

What has been your greatest military family reunion thus far?

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# Public Service Profile

By Tracy Horne

## CARMICHAELS WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB

In the community of Carmichaels there is a gem of an organization: the Carmichaels Women's Civic Club. This group is made up of community-minded women of all ages from the Carmichaels area who have joined together to provide



Among their other projects, the CWCC recognizes area students' hard work.

community service through volunteering. Currently, the club has around 42 members and meets the first Thursday of each month from September to May.

The Carmichaels Civic Women's Club is federated with the state as part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), one of the world's largest and oldest women's service organizations. While the club has volunteered for many local projects, it also participates in projects suggested from the state level. For the past year, the state project has been military and veterans.

Through the state project, the club members have donated blankets and outerwear to the Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh for homeless veterans and made glam bags and mommy & me bags for female veterans. An often-overlooked aspect of military-focused donations is that there are military members and veterans having babies who need support, as well.

Locally, members have participated in the Wreaths Across America program for 12 years at the Laurel Point Cemetery; every December, club members and community volunteers place wreaths on the graves of local service members buried in the cemetery. The group also recognizes a young lady from the Carmichaels High School Senior class each month. Their latest project is overseeing the Hometown Heroes Military Banner project.

At each meeting, a member of the community is invited to be the guest speak-

er. These speakers provide ideas and information that assists the club members' decision on a project to help the community.

September 30, 2023, is the National Day of Service and the GFWC is asking local women's clubs to help end hunger in our country by volunteering at local food banks, organizing a food drive, raising awareness about hunger issues and advocating to end food insecurity in America.

Club President Andrea Semenoff is very proud of the accomplishments of the Carmichaels Civic Women's Club and speaks very highly of its members saying, "The Civic Club members are hardworking and very generous individuals."

The club's brochure lists the benefits of membership as follows: the satisfaction of being part of a service organization that makes a difference in the community, the opportunity to meet women who share the same interests and concerns, and the ability to experience a variety of informational and educational programs. All members are united by a dedication to community improvement through volunteer service!

Andrea also shares, "Volunteer work and helping as much as possible is very rewarding. I would recommend it to everyone!" She hopes that the folks of the Carmichaels community will understand and appreciate what the Carmichaels Women's Civic Club represents—their past, present, and future. New members are always welcome and will really enjoy being part of this organization.

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## Cool at School

By Michelle Church

Mark Twain once said, “Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.” The teachers’ book club lives up to this ideal. The group was originally all Central Greene teachers but has since become a local teachers’ book club. The book club recently read its 100th book. The GreeneScene is happy to commemorate their big achievement by sharing their story.

Heather Rogers Morris officially started the book club in 2012. After reading *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harkness, Heather loved the book so much that she wanted to discuss it with other women. The book club got its start with six members and has been constantly growing and evolving since its inception. Heather Morris, Marcia Moore, and Kelley Stoneking have been book club members since day one. The club is currently made up of “one English teacher, two science teachers, one history teacher, three learning support teachers, one substitute and one who left teaching behind to become a long-haul truck driver. We also have a ‘token friend’ who is a non-teacher,” says Marcia.

The book club is open-minded about books. They enjoy genres and authors that are new to them. Each month a different mem-

ber selects the book. The member who chose the book picks the location for the meeting. Meetings are usually at a local restaurant or one of the members’ homes. The members love to get together for a casual evening of conversation, food, and drinks. “The book is very important...but the friendships are the best part. Getting together... letting off some steam. Book club is like a therapy session for all of us!” says Kelley Stoneking. The book club members enjoy chatting about books so much that they have an on-going group message to keep the discussions rolling.

A hundred books read, and several members count *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge as their favorite selection. Marcia Moore had a particularly magical experience with this book. She says, “In a strange twist, as I was listening today, the story was traveling with me through Tennessee, all the way to Memphis with me passing the Memphis Zoo sign after they talked about that zoo, then almost to Little Rock, where I stopped for the evening. Within minutes of me crossing the Mississippi River and seeing the “Welcome to Arkansas” sign, the characters crossed their own bridge

and saw the sign. It was just a very cool experience!”

Other favorites include *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune, and their 100th book club selection *Hester* by Laurie Rico Albanese makes the favorites list as well. The 100th book club pick was made by Stacie Evans who has been

a book club member since 2018. “Stacie chose a new restaurant in town for this meeting, M & J Tavern and Tap. We really enjoyed the food, and the margaritas were to die for!” says Kelley Stoneking.

“Keep reading. It is one of the most marvelous adventures anyone can have,” said Lloyd Alexander. These words could have been written about the teachers’ book club.



The teachers' book club has been gathering since 2012.

# Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## 1799 NATHAN STARR SWORD

**N**athan Starr (April 14, 1755–July 29, 1821) was a major in the Continental Army from Middletown, Connecticut, and as part of his service he forged and repaired swords.

His forging abilities during the war would pay off in the years to follow. In 1798, Starr was awarded the first federal government contract for sword production due to increasing tensions between the United States and Great Britain that ultimately led to the war of 1812. The U.S. Government engaged Starr to create two thousand cavalry sabers. To meet his quick deadline, he employed a wide variety of local craftsmen who performed different stages and processes in the fabrication of each sword. These were all men he was familiar with and whose quality of workmanship met his high standards.

For producing these swords, Starr received payment on December 31, 1798, in the amount of two thousand dollars—one dollar per sword. With his proceeds from this contract, Starr purchased a parcel of prime land on the banks of the Cogenchaug River in Middletown where he built a factory to house his ever-growing sword manufacturing business.

In 1808, Starr received another large government contract to produce two thousand more cutlass swords and two thousand pikes for the United States Navy. He delivered this order far ahead of schedule. Starr's naval swords came to be known as "The Cutlass that Fought

the War of 1812."

Shown here, as part of the collection of the Greene County Historical Society, is a 1799 Nathan Starr sword, made in the factory he built after his first government contract. For being over two hundred years old, this sword is still in remarkable condition, with a heavy patina and parts of the leather handle covering intact.

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“Legendary Con was moved to Waynesburg as a refocus of our goal to bring big city events to small towns, especially to focus on our home county,” says Dave Plavi of Legendary Conventions. “The event is unlike any other that the area has ever had. With something for everybody, this family friendly event will provide an opportunity for an experience of a lifetime.”

Guests at the July event include Walter E. Jones, an actor, former martial artist, and dancer, best known for playing the role of Zack Taylor, the original Black Ranger on Mighty Morphin’ Power Rangers; Karyn Parsons, best known as Hilary

Banks on the sitcom, “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air”; Brian Krause, a television and film actor from Charmed, Return to the Blue Lagoon, and Stephen King’s Sleepwalkers; Joshua Seth, one of the most legendary voice actors in anime, known to many as Tai, the leader of the Digimon; Jason Keith, an Eisner Award nominated color artist working mostly for Marvel; and Blake Foster, best known for his role as Justin, the Blue Turbo Ranger in Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie and Power Rangers Turbo.

Most of the celebrities will be involved in discussion panels during the weekend. Saturdays panels are ‘Once and Always’ 30 Years of Being a Power Ranger with Walter E. Jones, Karyn Parsons, and Brian Krause. Sunday’s panels are with Joshua Seth and Blake Foster. Professional photo ops of Karyn Parsons, Walter E. Jones, Blake Foster, and Brian Krause are available both days.

A costume contest will take place on

Saturday, July 8 at 4pm. The contest is hosted by Cosplay World, one of the newest and hottest cosplay conventions. Waynesburg is one their stops. FMI about Cosplay World, visit [cosplayworldrichmond.com](http://cosplayworldrichmond.com).

Tickets are available online at [legendarycomiccon.com](http://legendarycomiccon.com) and at the door the day of the event. A VIP Weekend Pass is \$50 for prepurchase, Saturday admission is \$14 prepurchase, and \$15 day of event, and Sunday general admission is \$9 prepurchase and \$10 day of event. Children under 10 are free with ticketed adults. One child per each ticket adult is free; each additional child is \$5. Autographs and pictures with celebrity guests are not included with the price of admission.

The event is being held at the EQT REC Center at 400 Evergreene Drive in Waynesburg, PA. VIP entrance is at 9am daily and general admission hours are 10am-6pm Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. FMI, visit [legendarycomiccon.com](http://legendarycomiccon.com).



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## SNAPSHOT 1776: THE REVOLUTION IN GREENE

When the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, revolutionary tendencies had been brewing for a long time. Since the French and Indian War and the Intolerable Acts, the continental settlers had been on a path to separate from British rule. Though Greene County had not yet been established, nor her parent Washington County (Greene was established in 1796 and Washington in 1781), many settlers living within what are now our current county boundaries played roles in the War for Independence.

A great many settlers and pioneers of Greene County were veterans of the Revolutionary War—far too many to be named in one short writing—and their contribution to the war cannot be understated. The desire for independence in Greene County was strong. Here are a few brief stories of these pioneer patriots.

### Colonel John Minor, Father of Greene County.

It would be remiss to mention any Revolutionary soldier or pioneer of Greene County without discussing John Minor, one of the earliest (if not the earliest) permanent settlers in what would become Greene County. John was born January 5, 1747, in Winchester, Virginia to Stephen and Athalia (Updyke) Minor. With roots tracing back on the continent over a century before his birth, John was a descendant of early New England settler Thomas Minor who landed in the New World in 1629 aboard the ship “The Lyons Whelp.” Thomas later became known for helping found the town of Stonington, Connecticut, and was well remembered for his preserved diary giving an account of his life throughout the mid-17th century.

Around the age 18, John Minor traveled by foot, along with a man by the name of Jeremiah Glasgow, from Winchester, VA to Whitely Creek to scout out a settlement for his family. The following year, approximately 1765, Minor returned to Whitely Creek and permanently settled in what eventually became Greene County. There, on his land on Whitely Creek, John established the first mill in Greene County and was an early member of Goshen Baptist Church, now Corbly Memorial Church, in Garrards Fort.

In 1777, John Minor came into the service of the Continental Army as a captain, where he took command of military fortifications in Garrards Fort and at Statler’s Fort on Dunkard Creek near what is now Pentress, WV, just across the Pennsylvania state line. It is said that later in his military career,

Minor received a commission of colonel from Patrick Henry, though this has never been confirmed. John served for over seven years in service to the Continental Army and after the war remained a prominent citizen and local leader in the region. John was responsible for the legislative act that separated Greene County from Washington County on February 9, 1796. John died on December 5, 1833, at the age of 86 and is buried in the old cemetery in Greensboro on Third Street.

### Thomas Kent

Thomas Kent, ancestor of the Kent family of Greene County, was born in County Derry, Ireland on March 1, 1748, and baptized in St. Columb’s Cathedral on April 13, 1749. Very little is known of his early life and ancestry, other than he had an older sister Elizabeth who was born in 1745 or 46. In the 1760s or 1770s, Thomas was among the throngs of immigrants coming to the new world to create a better life.

Thomas settled initially in Maryland, alongside of the Smith family, creating a bond between the two families that lasted for well over a century. In March 1774, the Kent and Smith families left Maryland and started exploring Tenmile Creek in Franklin Township just south of Waynesburg, preparing to settle there permanently.

The outbreak of the Revolutionary War interrupted this settlement, when on July 1, 1776, just days before the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, Thomas enlisted in Captain Maxwells Company at Battle Swamp in Cecil County, Maryland. Thomas’ service brought him directly into the presence of General George Washington; he was alongside him during the famous crossing of the Delaware on Christmas Night in 1776. Thomas’s enlistment expired soon after, and he was discharged on April 1, 1777. He finally achieved his goal of settling in future Greene County, but not at Tenmile Creek where he had explored with the Smith family. Instead, he settled a tract of land just west of what is now Waynesburg.

There, Thomas would farm his land and live the simple life of a pioneer until his death on January 8, 1835. Initially, Thomas was buried in the old “Hookstown” Cemetery near where McCracken’s Pharmacy is now. In the 1930s, as development encroached on the site of the cemetery, Thomas Kent’s grave along with that of his wife, Ann (Ralston) Kent, was moved to the Greene County Memorial Park near Jefferson where they remain resting in peace.

### Benjamin Garrison

Benjamin Garrison is perhaps a very obscure and little-known patriot in Greene County history, but he has one claim to fame that no one else does, and that is that he lived to the ripe old age of 107.

Benjamin Garrison was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on May 13, 1738, and though only a resident of Greene County for a few years before his death on August 1, 1845 near the village of Bluff in Wayne Township, he was one of the last remaining Revolutionary War veterans living in the region.

In December 1776, at the age of 38, Benjamin enlisted at Pottstown, Pennsylvania as a trumpeter in Captain George VanHair’s troop of Dragoons. The troop of mounted men’s mission was to be constantly attached to the guard of the Commander-in-chief, and except for a brief period in 1777, Garrison’s unit did exactly that, guarding and protecting General George Washington. Garrison saw service at the Battle of Brandywine, Valley Forge and Monmouth, among other notable conflicts during the war. Garrison was discharged in 1779.

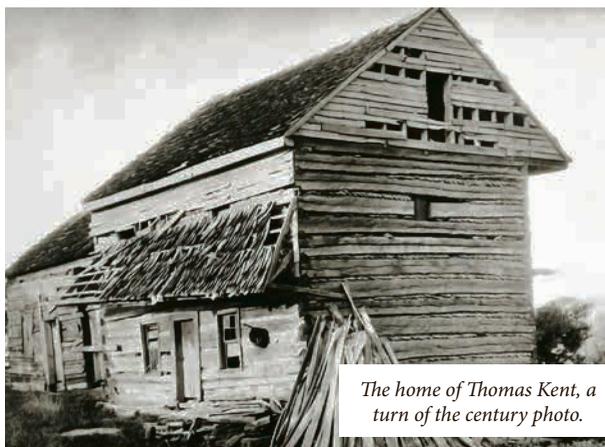
In 1780, Garrison was engaged as a privateer on board a ship to smuggle supplies from France for use in the Continental Army. Garrison’s ship was eventually captured by a British Man of War, and he was imprisoned in England for nine months until an exchange of prisoners was made, when he was sent home on a ship bound for South Carolina.

Little is known of Benjamin Garrison’s life in the early 19th century. In his older age he lived with his daughter Zibiah, wife of Adam Geho, and came with them when they settled in Greene County in the late 1830s or early 1840s. It was in their home that he died in 1845, and he is buried alongside Adam and Zibiah Geho in the Geho Cemetery near Bluff in Wayne Township.

With Independence Day right around the corner, let’s spend some time remembering these pioneer patriots that called our county home and the patriots in our own families. Some of these men were instrumental in the establishment of the county, as well as the founding of the nation.



The home of Col. John Minor, a 19th century painting.



The home of Thomas Kent, a turn of the century photo.



The grave of Benjamin Garrison in Geho Cemetery, Wayne Township.



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# Good NEWS In Greene County

## Iron Senergy Donates to Greene County Youth Summer Activities

A \$65,000 donation by Iron Senergy has ensured that all local children will be able to attend Greene County's summer day camps and swimming pools regardless of financial constraints. "Iron Senergy is committed to serving the families in our community and supporting programs that build a stronger Greene County," CEO Justin Thompson said. "Our company is extremely proud to provide this funding to Parks and Recreation so that children across the county can enjoy this valuable program free of charge."

The county's camps will be held at the Lions Club Park in Waynesburg, Wana B Park in Carmichaels, and Mon View Park in Greensboro. In addition to traditional camp activities, multiple local groups will be providing a variety of educational activities. All camp days also include admission to the respective pools at each site.

According to Bret Moore, the Director of Greene County Recreation, "This is the third consecutive year Iron Senergy has provided the funds for day camp as well as repairs and



equipment to keep the pools running efficiently." A new pavilion at the Water Park and the annual Kids' Fall Fishing Frenzy are also courtesy of the industry partner, according to Moore.

Commissioner Betsy McClure added, "Not only is Iron Senergy providing family sustainable jobs in Greene County, they are supporting the community as a whole. We humbly thank them for their continuous support."

All three county pools open June 3 and the day camps run from June 19 to July 28.

## Greene County Chamber of Commerce Presented Scholarship Winner

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund Committee has presented the winner of their annual scholarship.

The 32nd Annual Educational Fund Scholarship was presented to Kaci Tedrow of Waynesburg Central High School. Kaci is the daughter of Thomas and Kelly Tedrow of Waynesburg. Kaci plans to pursue a degree in Nursing at East Carolina University in the fall. This scholarship is presented each year to a Greene County senior who plans to attend a college, university, or trade school. The scholarship is awarded based on a minimum grade point average and an essay. A panel of six judges participated in a blind judging of the essays which answered the question "How do you plan to use your education to make a difference in your life and your community?" In addition to the scholarship, Kaci also received a laptop courtesy of John Frownfelner, owner of PCsquared to use during her college career. A total of twenty-four applicants from all over



the county applied for the scholarship. Executive Director of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce, Melody Longstreth, invited Tedrow to attend the Chamber's monthly business connection luncheon at which she shared her scholarship essay. Longstreth also attended Waynesburg Central High School's awards ceremony on the evening of Thursday, June 1st, 2023 in which Tedrow was recognized at her home school for receiving the scholarship.

## EQT Foundation Donates \$100,000 for Greene County Fairgrounds Improvements

The Greene County Fairgrounds is undergoing significant facilities upgrade thanks to a \$100,000 donation by the EQT Foundation. Increased use of the grounds and aging facilities has created a need to modernize and improve the infrastructure, buildings, and other facilities at the Fairgrounds.

"The fairgrounds are a destination for many throughout the year, said Ellen Rossi, President of the EQT Foundation. "We are pleased to provide support to improve the space so community members and visitors can continue to enjoy the Fairgrounds and its hosted events for years to come."

The grant was administered by the Community Foundation of Greene County and will be used for multiple projects, including: an HVAC system for one of the larger buildings, a landscaping plan created by the Master Gardeners group, interior upgrades for the arena barn, and a facility-wide security system.

According to Bret Moore, the Director of Parks and Recreation, "These improvements were vital to improving the aesthetics and safety of the facilities. Those who use the



fairgrounds represent a very diverse cross-section of our residents. We also feel these improvements will attract programs and events from surrounding areas."

Greene County Commissioner Betsy McClure also expressed her gratitude for the contribution. "The goal is to have activities at the fairgrounds continuously and create a source of economic income for the county and the community. We have been investing in the grounds to create the atmosphere and the climate that is welcoming to create a draw here to Greene County. An internal study completed by the county revealed that we have accessibility to over a million people in a 60-mile radius. We are working to make our area an attraction."

## WG Lions Club Presents Student Athletes of the Month

West Greene Area Lions Club presented Kaden Shields and London Whipkey with the male and female Athlete of the Year award for their contribution to sports at West Greene.

Kaden is the son of Mark and Johnetta Shields of Graysville. His accomplishments in sports include being a 4 year letterman in basketball, cross country and baseball. He served as team captain in all three sports and received the Tri-Athlete and Scholar Athlete Awards. He was also named to the All County Teams in basketball and cross country. In baseball he was named Hometown Heritage Athlete of the month.

London is the daughter of James and Toby Whipkey of Waynesburg. She lettered 4 years in softball and volleyball and 1 year in rifle. London was team captain in softball and volleyball. In softball she received the Lady Pioneer and batting champion award, was named Herald Standard small school co-player of the year and Greene County Messenger



co-player of the year, PIAA Class 1 A First Team All State, and to the All-Greene County team. In volleyball she was named to the All Greene County team and Herald Standard All-Area team. London's other accomplishments in volleyball were receiving the Best Passer and Best Defensive players awards. She played on the first volleyball team from West Greene to qualify for state playoffs. Pictured are Lions Harry Gillispie, Kaden Shields, London Whipkey and Lion Jeremiah Allison.

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## WG Lions Club Presents Three Scholarships for Outstanding Students

The West Greene Area Lions Club recently presented three \$1,000 scholarships to West Greene Outstanding Students. The seniors participated in an essay contest. Pictured from left are Ian VanDyne, the son of Luke and Angie VanDyne of Wind Ridge, Kaden Shields, the son of Mark and Johnetta Shields, Lion Jeff Polander, and Emily Simms, the daughter of Billy and Amy Simms of Waynesburg.



## Carmichaels Places Third at 2023 Pennsylvania Envirothon State Competition

The 40th Pennsylvania Envirothon state competition was held on May 23 and 24, 2023 at Camp Mount Luthor in Mifflinburg, PA. High school students from 63 Pennsylvania counties participated in this year's event.

The team representing Greene County from Carmichaels Area High School placed third overall in the 2023 State Envirothon competition. The team had the second highest score of all teams in the state in the Forestry station with a 93, second highest Soils score of an 84, third highest Wildlife score of 92, 4th highest Oral Presentation score with a 91.3, 5th highest Current Issue score with an 61, and the 6th highest Aquatics score with an 82 for a total score of 503.3 points for the competition - only 25.7 points away from first place.

For third place, each team member received a \$500 scholarship and a medal. The team was awarded a wooden plaque made from Pennsylvania hardwoods. Team members include: (L-R) a PSECU representative, Kevin Willis (coach), Faith Willis, Spencer Conard, Sophia Zalar, Alex Lawrence, and Emma Bates.

This year marks the seventeenth year in a row that the team has placed in the top 10 at the State Envirothon. The team placed first in the state in 2018 and 2019. In 2019, the team placed third in the world at the NCF-International Envirothon. The team placed second in 2006 and 2010, third in 2014, 2016, and 2017, fourth in 2011 and 2015, fifth in 2012 and 2013, seventh in 2009 and 2022, eighth in 2008, and tenth in 2007. The 2020 Envirothon competitions were canceled.

At the Envirothon, five-member teams participated in a series of field station tests that focused on five topic areas - soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. The 2023 current environmental issues focused on "Adapting to a Changing Climate."



Teams participating represent the best and the brightest of the thousands of high school teens who have competed in county Envirothon competitions sponsored by conservation districts from across the state. At the state level, the Envirothon is sponsored by Pennsylvania's sixty-six county conservation districts, the State Conservation Commission, and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts.

The program is managed by a board of directors representing those sponsors. Technical expertise is provided by the following partners: PA Department of Agriculture, PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Game Commission, PA Fish and Boat Commission, U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Penn State Extension. Sponsors and partners of the 2023 Envirothon are PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Department of Education, PSECU, Shell Oil Company, PPL, EQT Foundation, Weis, Chief Oil and Gas LLC, UGI Utilities, PA Trappers Association, Mid-Atlantic Chapter International Erosion Control Association, Seneca, The Hershey Company, Smithfield Foods, Chesapeake Energy, PA American Water, and National Conservation Foundation Envirothon and more.

FMI on the Envirothon program, contact the county conservation district or visit the website at [www.envirothonpa.org](http://www.envirothonpa.org)

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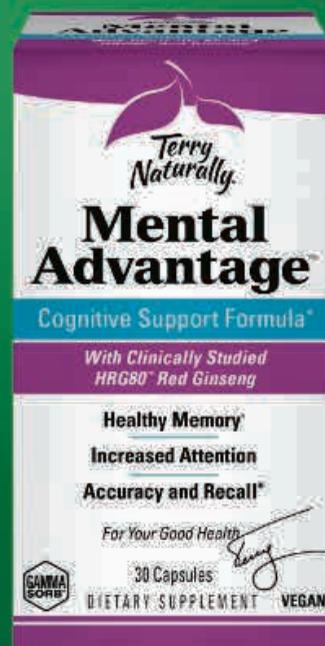


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## The Carlson Family Scholarship for Public Service established at CFGC

The Carlson Family Scholarship for Public Service was established at the Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC) by Mark and LuAnn Carlson, and Jack and Lynn Carlson (and their children) to honor their family by helping Greene County individuals who want to be of service to their community and need financial assistance to get to that point.

The Carlson Family Scholarship will provide a scholarship for Greene County residents to pursue full-time or part-time post-secondary education leading to a career in service to the public, including, but not limited to, careers in ministry, social work, education (not limited to teaching), psychology, health care related fields, and/or participating in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) during their education.

Students may be attending or planning to attend a vocational or technical school leading to a certificate, a 2- or 4-year college or university leading to a bachelor's degree, or a graduate program leading to a Master's degree. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Greene County resident.

The Carlson family stated, "Following the example set for us in our homes grow-

ing up, we have all served the public in our careers, as all of our children and their spouses are doing now. We realize how fortunate we were in our pursuits, to have had so many of the advantages we enjoyed. We also recognize the obstacles others may face on their journey to fulfill a dream of their own to serve and help others. Our goal with this scholarship is, in some small way, to help individuals who demonstrate a financial need, to also achieve those dreams of a career in public service."

Scholarship guidelines for the Carlson Family Scholarship for Public Service are available on the CFGC website <http://www.cfgcpa.org/post-secondary-scholarships/> or contact the Community Foundation by phone at 724-627-2010, email at [cfgcpa@gmail.com](mailto:cfgcpa@gmail.com) or go to our website at [www.cfgcpa.org](http://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.

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## Law Enforcement Training

For the third year in a row local Greene County resident and owner of Archangel Defense LLC, Kerry Dugan Jr. and assistant instructor Todd Lippencott volunteered their time and commitment to train seven Law Enforcement Officers from all across Pennsylvania. Local departments that received training included Washington County Sheriff's Office, Uniontown Police Department and other private agencies. The training was held Wednesday, May 17, 2023 in coordination with National Police Week, at the Marianna Field & Stream Club in Marianna, PA.

During National Police Week, we take time to honor and support the men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe. The goal of the annual free training is to keep officers in check with their performance and equipment on both handgun and rifle platforms but most of all, to ensure at the end of the day they make it home to their loved ones.

Top shot prize, donated by Keystone Freedom Group and Archangel Defense LLC, was awarded to Officer Kyle Richter of the Uniontown Police Department.



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Unclaimed property is mostly money, and it typically gets sent to the state Treasury after three years of dormancy. Examples include old bank accounts, forgotten insurance policies, abandoned stocks, and uncashed checks.

It can also include tangible items, like things held in safe deposit boxes. Tangible property is kept in Treasury's vault in Harrisburg – the largest operating vault in the country – for at least three years while Treasury looks for the rightful owner. If no owner is found, these items can be auctioned to make room for incoming inventory. All auction proceeds are available in perpetuity for a rightful owner to claim at any time.

Treasury's vault is also home to 480 military decorations, including medals, pins and badges from every branch of service, and nearly every major conflict. These items – the most valuable in the vault – are never auctioned, and Treasury works diligently to find the rightful owners. Treasurer Garrity

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We hope you'll start your search for unclaimed property today, to make sure any money that is owed to you gets back in your hands as quickly as possible. You can also search for other members of your family, your friends and neighbors, and even any business or organization you're a part of – because unclaimed property isn't just owed to individuals.

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Stacy Garrity is the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Senator Camera Bartolotta serves the 46th District, representing Greene County, Washington County and parts of Beaver County. Representative Bud Cook serves the 50th District, representing Greene County and parts of Washington County.

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Miss Rain Day 2022 was hosted at the State Capitol by Senator Camera Bartolotta.



Greene County welcomed the NPTA at the Greene County Mega Pull to the Greene County Fairgrounds. Photo courtesy Gunslinger Pulling Team.

The Greene County Historical Society print shop received a face lift, thanks to funding from the CFGC. They also have some interior rooms that received renovations.



The Greene County Historical Society Museum enjoyed beautiful weather at their annual car show.



Greene County Parks and Recreation, The Way Community Center and the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesburg held their first Youth Basketball Camps from June 5-10. Outdoor courts at Margaret Bell Miller Middle School and Wana B Park hosted the three-day camps for children in grades 3 through 6.

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# Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

## NOBODY LEFT TO ROOT FOR

When I was young, I was a sports fanatic. I would watch the few baseball, football, or basketball games on one of the three television channels and dream of more sports. I would watch whatever contests were featured on ABC's Wide World of Sports -boxing, car racing, cliff diving.....anything. When ESPN came along, it was as if a whole new world had been discovered. There were so many sports on television, it was hard to keep up. It was paradise. However, today when you can watch every team, in every league, in every sport, I find myself struggling to find a game or event that I care about.

Often, we romanticize the past in what is called Golden Age Thinking. It's the idea that different time periods are better than the present. I understand that every generation laments the changes in sports from the halcyon days of their youth. I'm not talking about something as trivial as the designated hitter, free agency, the three-point shot, or two-point conversion.

My issue stems from a complete lack of integrity, unfathomable hypocrisy, and soul-crushing greed at almost every level of sports. The most recent development that triggered my need to write this column was the spineless acquiescence of the Professional Golf Association to allow itself to be purchased by a brutal dictator attempting to "sportswash" his

country's atrocious human rights violations. A year ago, the PGA claimed the players who defected to the Saudi government-owned LIV Tour were selling their soul to the devil for 30 pieces of silver. Now, they are politely looking the other way as they accept the blood money.

It's not just the political hypocrisy of allowing China, Russia and Qatar to host Olympic games and World Cups. It's the complete abrogation of any semblance of morality versus money. The decline filters down to the national level when the NFL and NBA allow players convicted of truly reprehensible crimes to sit a couple of games and then resume their lucrative careers with no lasting repercussions. The eight teams who make up Major League Baseball also turn a blind eye to a variety of offenses. I refer to eight major league teams because the other 22 are just AAA clubs providing easy wins for the teams who can afford to spend the GDP of a small country on players.

College sports are no better now that a handful of teams have monopolized the top players. The Supreme Court's decision to allow student athletes to be compensated for their Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) was admirable; however, the fact there are no guardrails to prevent abuses has led to a nightmare scenario of complete chaos. Even high school sports are not immune from the greed and shortsightedness of adults and

governing bodies. Overzealous coaches insist

young people must commit year-round to a single sport in the quixotic pursuit of college scholarships. Then, they organize travel teams and abandon those who cannot afford to spend thousands of dollars in fees and expenses. Finally, the politicians in Harrisburg refuse to create a level playing field for all schools. The lobbyists ensure that private academies, as well as charter and parochial schools are allowed to recruit before dominating in the WPIAL and PIAA tournaments.

Selling out to corporate culture, scandals, and big teams cheating have always been a part of the sports landscape, but this just

feels different. Perhaps I'm just the grumpy, old guy that laments the loss of innocence that sports provided in bygone eras. However, my favorite background noise for a Sunday nap was always the dulcet tones of golf announcers. I sure as heck can't sleep with the sounds of NASCAR on the tube. If I am lucky enough to find a sport to cheer for, let's hope it doesn't get purchased by Vladimir Putin or Kim Jong-un.

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Most festival events are happening on Saturday, July 8th beginning with a community parade down Main Street. Free festival activities include history museum tours, local history group displays, historic street theater performances, demonstrators, reenactors, the Lil' Rebels Area, mercantile, all-day music, a wide variety of food trucks and Blue Eagle Tavern Libations.

2023 marks the 12th year for the Whiskey Rebellion Festival. New this year in the history group area: Rivers of Steel Heritage Corridor's blacksmith. The Meeting House, located at 182 S. Main Street, will have dem-

onstrators inside. New to the mercantile area are Westerwald Pottery, Couldn't Bee Better Honey and Opossum Pouch Soft Goods. At the Blue Eagle Tavern, the local offerings of Rebellion Lager by Washington Brewery and Rebellion Rye by Red Pump Spirits are always a crowd favorite.

The Lil' Rebels area for children's activities is full of family fun. Our favorite tall man, Bob the Juggler, will be strolling about and Robert Moulard will be back with his jig puppet and a new instrument. Keeping history alive, you can visit the Bradford House Museum and tour the first floor of this Whiskey Rebellion leader's home. Across the street is the Whiskey Rebellion Education and Visitor Center. Everything you want to know about the Whiskey Rebellion is here, including our big display of a whiskey still. Courthouse Tours and Talks occur throughout the day. Over 100 years old, this remains one of western Pennsylvania's architectural gems. But the biggest treat of all is the Historic Street Theater performances right on Main Street. And yes, they will be tarring and feathering the tax collector!

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# BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE MONTH



Parker Ponzoo is the son of Chris and Amy Ponzoo. He has enjoyed playing football since he was in first grade. He is a junior honor student as well as being the starting center for the Maples football team. Parker enjoys weight lifting, playing X-box, riding dirt bikes and spending time with family.

Marley Seward is the daughter of Patrick and Kimberly Seward. She plays softball, volleyball, and cheers for the Maples. Marley is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, Envirothon, Interact Club and Student Council. She has been student of the quarter for GCCTC and on the honor roll at Mapletown. Marley enjoys volunteering in her free time, helping with volleyball camps and vacation Bible schools. She loves to fish and spend time in nature when she isn't volunteering.



## WAYNESBURG CENTRAL ALUM NAMED TO NATIONAL TEAM

Waynesburg Central alum Tyler Switalski will have the chance to make his mark on the international baseball stage. He was selected to participate in the USA Collegiate National Team Training Camp.

Switalski is a sophomore pitcher at Division I Gardner-Webb University and is the first Bulldog player to be selected to the National Team Training Camp. He was one of just 56 non-draft eligible college baseball players selected from all three NCAA levels, NAIA, and junior college baseball to earn an invite to the training camp to be held in Cary, N.C. As part of the camp, the players will be featured in a four-game Stars vs. Stripes intrasquad series in North Carolina from June 25-28. USA Baseball will name a final, 26-man Collegiate National Team roster after Training Camp that will represent the United States in friendship series against Chinese Taipei and Japan from June 30-July 12.

Switalski is coming off a successful second season. He received Second Team All-Big South honors and was a two-time Big South Pitcher of the Week. As the number two starter for the Runnin' Bulldogs, Switalski posted an 8-5 record, tied for the second most victories by a pitcher within the Big South.



Waynesburg Central's 2023 WPIAL Track and Field Qualifiers, from L-R: (Back Row) Chase Fox, Zach Andrews, Breydon Woods, Aiden Pell; (Third Row) Mason Schroyer, Ryan McCartney; (Second Row) Emily Mahle, Jordan Dean; (Front Row) State Champion Pole Vaulters Drew Layton.



Mason Switalski brought the heat for the Waynesburg Central Red Raiders this season. He led the section in strike outs with 50, while allowing only 14 walks. His ERA was 2.20 through 47 innings.



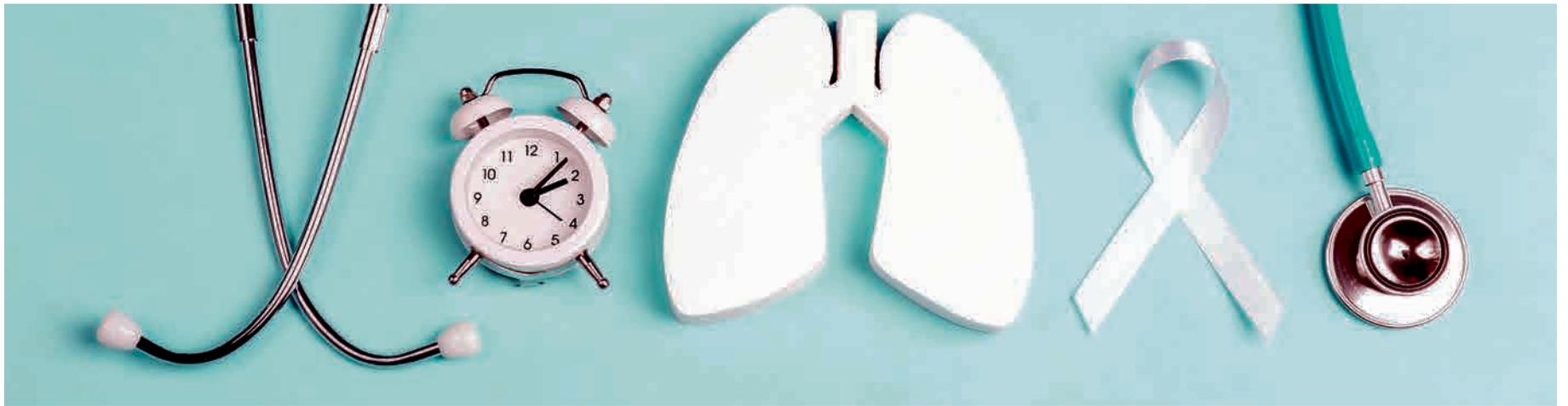
Daniel and Drew Layton both had very successful track campaigns in 2023. Daniel won the Colonial Athletic Conference Decathlon for William and Mary, while younger brother Drew won both WPIAL and PIAA gold in the Pole Vault for Waynesburg Central.



The Waynesburg Central softball team won their section and qualified for the PIAA playoffs this season. L-R: (Bottom row) Jayden Laskody, Abbi Davis, Hannah Wood, Joselyn Fields, Kendall Lemley, Bre Kerr, Coach Molly Henderson Cheek; (Top row) Coach Jim Armstrong, Emma Zehner, Dani Stockdale, Riley Hixenbaugh, KayLeigh Varner, Taylor Siebert, Riley Reese, Emily Pace, Mikaylynn Good, Gina Tedrow, Coach Dave Jones



Carmichaels' softball team completed the regular season undefeated and finished as the WPIAL Runner-up and a PIAA quarterfinalist. The girls finished the highly successful campaign 19-2. Front Row: Hailey Yeager, Bailey Barnyak, Kendall Ellsworth, Macie Krainak, Sophia Zalar, Grace Plavi, Carlee Roberts, Peyton Plavi, and Carys McConnell. Back Row: Coach Joanna Walker, Coach Nikki Onderko, Megan Voithofer, Katie Waggett, Marissa Yeager, Alaina Simon, Ali Jacobs, Ashton, Batis, Ali Miller, Karissa Rohrer, Duski Staggers, and Coach Dave Briggs.



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# RAIN DAY IN THE PARKS CELEBRATES 150

Head into downtown Waynesburg's scenic parks for a day of fun in the sun (and rain!). You'll find the 150th annual Rain Day festivities spread throughout the downtown area's Fountain (College) and Monument parks for Rain Day in the Parks.

The festival is spread out over four plus acres with ample room for its entertainment, including live musicians, food, crafts, games, contests, and vendors, as well as individuals looking to relax and enjoy the cool shady parks or watch the fireworks.

"We are looking forward to holding the event once again in College & Monument Parks," says Athena Bowman, Special Events coordinator. "The atmosphere under the tree setting gives it more of a festival feel and is definitely shadier and cooler for all and has proven to be a wonderful home for the annual event.

Musical performances for this year include Craig Wayne Boyd, Brianna Pettit, Aris Paul Band, Next Stop Earth, Curtis & The Shakerz, Lucien, Rebecca Krofcheck, Zack Brewer, Trenton Antill, Lane McCollum, and Cassidy Paige. These performances will take place on either the main stage (near E. Wayne Street) or the second stage (Fountain Park).

Headlining is Craig Wayne Boyd, and his performance is at 7:30pm on the main stage. Country crooner and multi-instrumentalist Craig Wayne Boyd spent ten years working late-night Nashville honky-tonks until fate stepped in and dealt him one heck of a hand. America fell in love with CWB on their living room couches as they eagerly watched him win season 7 of *The Voice*. With the trophy now sitting on his mantle, Boyd is determined to bring to his #YALLER fans his most real, most raw, most country music yet.

Other free entertainment and activities the Waynesburg First Assembly Church will be providing children's activities and games in Fountain Park from 11-6 pm. There will be inflatable games provided by E.L.F Entertainment, and Jeff Harris will be creating his amazing caricatures. JMS Balloons will be providing balloon art earlier in the day and Dragonfly Balloons will be providing balloon art and airbrush tattoo later in the day. Mascots will be roaming periodically throughout the day along with strolling characters. Please refer to the schedule for times.

The usual contests will be held, including Baby Rain Day, the Umbrella contest,

window deco-rating, and more. Make sure to check out the downtown businesses with Rain Day specials while in town, and to see their decorated windows. Who will win the coveted golden watering can this year? FMI on Rain Day contests, see our other article or visit [raindayfestival.com](http://raindayfestival.com).

The event this year will also bring some new food vendors, along with recurring food vendors with traditional festival foods. Crafters, artists, and vendors will also be scattered throughout the parks, with homemade items. If you are interested in being a vendor at Rain Day, applications are available at [raindayfestival.com](http://raindayfestival.com); the deadline is July 14, 2023.

And don't forget to shop local businesses in the area! For your convenience, a shuttle from downtown to the event will be provided all day long. The shuttle will stop at three locations:

Near borough parking lot #2 at Morgan and Franklin Street, in front of First National Bank on High Street, and in borough parking lot #3 across from Don Patron's off High Street/Morris Street. The shuttle is sponsored by WVU Medicine, and shuttle service provided by Fox.

"We are hoping individuals will take advantage of this service to shop local businesses and make it easier for parking," Athena says.

Each year, Rain Day planning starts in January and ends around August. It is organized by the Special Events Committee. The SEC was created in 1979 "to organize and execute the Rain Day Festival." The committee's history reaches back to 1874, with the first recorded rainfall on July 29.

Have you ever wondered how a day is determined to be a rain day? The SEC works closely with local Waynesburg Troop Greene 1280

and 9280 of Waynesburg to determine rainfall on the day of July 29. The Waynesburg Troop Greene 1280 and 9280, the festival's official Rain watchers, camp out on the courthouse lawn to monitor rain during the night, and the committee, mayor, and local police monitor the rain during the day of the event. To count as a rainfall year, there only needs to be a few drops within borough limits.

When asked her opinion on rain for 2023, Athena shares, Special Events Commission will be happy to add Mr. Boyd's CWB Gone Country cowboy hat to our collection and adding another rain drop to our charts making the rain record 118 of 150 years!"

If you'd like to be part of this annual tradition as a volunteer or join the Special Events Committee, reach out to the Borough Office, or submit a letter of interest to the Special Events Commission at 90 E. High Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

Contact the Special Events Commission for details on all the Rain Day events at 724-627-8111. FMI on Rain Day, including a schedule of events, entertainer biographies, and more, visit [raindayfestival.com](http://raindayfestival.com).



# RAIN DAY FESTIVAL JULY 29, 2023

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAIN MOBILE STAGE: E. Wayne Street near Soldiers & Sailors Monument

SECOND STAGE: Fountain Park (College Park)

KIDZ ZONE: Fountain Park near Kids Activities

SPECIAL EVENTS BOOTH: Look for yellow & purple tent in Monument Park! Stop by to purchase Rain Day merchandise or vote for Baby Rain Day until 2pm!

7:00am - 10:00am	Buckwheat Pancake Breakfast at St. Ann's Church
10:50am	Brianna Pettit
11:00am	Umbrella Contest (Line up at 10:45am)
11:00am - 1:00pm	Aris Paul Band
11:00am - 1:00pm	JMS Balloonist
11:00am - 6:00pm	Children's Games by Waynesburg First Assembly
11:00am - 6:00pm	E.L.F Entertainment Inflatables
11:30am	Lucien
Noon	Miss Rain Drop Contest (Mini, Little, Jr. Miss)
Noon - 7:00pm	Jeff Harris Caricatures
12:30pm	Magic on the Run
1:00pm	Rebecca Krofcheck
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Next Stop Earth
2:00pm	Zack Brewer
2:00pm	Magic on the Run
2:00pm - 4:00pm	JMS Balloonist
3:00pm	Trenton Antill
3:00pm - 7:00pm	P.G.H. Party Creations Strolling Characters: <i>Bluey &amp; Sonic, Mickey &amp; Minnie Mouse, Mario &amp; Luigi (both parks)</i>
3:30 pm	Miss Rain Day Contestants
4:00pm	Lane McCollum
4:00 pm - 6:00pm	Curtis & the Shakerz
4:00pm - 8:30pm	Dragonfly Balloons ( <i>airbrush tattoo &amp; balloon twisting</i> )
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Cassidy Paige
6:00pm	Company K Moment of Silence
6:00pm	Award Presentations: <i>Window Decorating, Baby Rain Day, Jack McCracken Award, Waynesburg Troop 1280 &amp; 9280 "Official Rain Watchers" Donation</i>
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Strolling Characters Meet & Greet: <i>Paw Patrol Chase &amp; Marshall (P.G.H. Party Creations); Encanto's Mirabel, Luisa, Delores, &amp; Bruno, Spiderman &amp; Captain America (Royal Princess Engagements); and Jack Sparrow.</i>
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Rain Day Birthday Bash w/ DJ Brett of Memories & Melodies
8:00pm	Happy Birthday Cake Walk ( <i>win a cake!</i> )
8:30pm	Joey Lynn's Hoop 'N' Stuff Hula Hoop Presentation
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Craig Wayne Boyd
9:30pm	EQT Traditional Fireworks presented by Starfire Corporation. <i>Immediately following the final band performance.</i>

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# RAIN DAY CONTESTS

Rain Day is always good for some fun and entertaining contests. In addition to the big Miss Rain Day Pageant, Rain Day offers a variety of contests, with something for everybody. While it may be too late to register for some of the Rain Day contests by the time that you read this, the contests are still fun to watch as a spectator. Take a look at some of these contests, and make sure to check them out the day of the event.

Pre-registration is required for all the Rain Day contests. Rules of entry and entry forms are available online at [raindayfestival.com](http://raindayfestival.com). If you have missed the deadline to pre-register for this year's events, feel free to spend this year as a spectator at all the Rain Day contests, and start your planning for next year!

## Window Decorating Contest

Downtown Waynesburg's businesses compete in the annual Rain Day Window Decorating Contest! All businesses in downtown Waynesburg are invited to decorate their windows with a Rain Day theme. Take some time during the Rain Day Festival to walk the streets of downtown Waynesburg and see the awesomely decorated windows. First place receives \$100 AND the ownership of the coveted Golden Watering Can for the year. Second place receives \$50, and third place receives \$25. Pre-registration is required, and the entry deadline is July 19, 2022. Judging will be held on July 21 at 10am.

## Miss Rain Drop

The Mini/Little/Jr. Miss Rain Drop pageant will be held on the Main Stage during the Rain Day Festival. Three age categories (Mini Miss 6 to 8, Little Miss 9 to 11, and Jr. Miss 12-13) will be introduced on stage and asked a question about Rain Day. The contestants will be judged on stage presence, general appearance, their answers, personality, style, and poise. The winner will receive \$100, a tiara, trophy, and title banner; special awards will be presented to Miss Personality and Miss Photogenic. Contestants must be Greene County residents. There is a \$5 entry fee and pre-registration is required. Entry deadline is July 17, 2023.

baby contestants in Baby Rain Day by putting money (bills not coins) in the canisters at First Federal Savings & loan from July 20 to July 28; voting will continue July 29 at the Rain Day Special Events booth until 2pm. Contestants must clean and decorate an empty Pringles canister list. The winners will receive \$100, crown/tiara, title banner, and the honor of representing the festival throughout the coming year. Contestants must be Greene County residents. Pre-registration is required, and entry deadline is July 17, 2023.

## Umbrella Decorating Contest

An annual favorite, the Rain Day Umbrella Contest calls for participants ages 3 to 12 to decorate an umbrella with a Rain Day theme. First place receives \$100, second place \$50, and third place \$25. Trophies will also be awarded. Contestants will bring their decorated umbrella to the second stage (Fountain Park) are on July 29 at 10:45am for judging at 11am. Pre-registration is required, and entry form must be received by July 19, 2023.

## Coloring Contest

The Rain Day Coloring contest offers two categories for budding artists to show off their skills. The Wayne Drop coloring page, for ages 5 to 8, can be printed and young artists can color the page and submit it. For those ages 9 to 12, color an umbrella art page. Winners in both categories will receive a goody basket of Rain Day items. The coloring pages/forms can be found on [www.raindayfestival.com](http://www.raindayfestival.com) or on Facebook. Coloring pages should be submitted to the Special Events Commission, 90 E. High St., Waynesburg, PA 15370. Entries must be received by July 19, 2023.

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# BET YOUR HAT ON RAIN THIS JULY 29!

As Rain Day nears, its time for celebrities to take a chance with their hats as part of the legendary annual Hat Bet. The Special Events committee is honored to have made this year's Rain Day Hat Bet with headliner Craig Wayne Boyd.

Athena Bowman, Special Events Coordinator, said "the committee is very excited to be celebrating this 150th annual rain tracking tradition in our hometown of Waynesburg, we are especially excited to be having Craig Wayne Boyd as our headliner and 2023 hat bet in hopes of winning his CWB Gone country hat."

Singer and songwriter Craig Wayne Boyd, a native of Dallas, Texas, is best known for winning season seven of The Voice. Before his time on The Voice, Boyd moved to Nashville with big dreams and a bellowing voice. He spent ten years working those late-night honky-tonks until fate stepped in and dealt him one heck of a hand.

America fell in love with CWB on their living room couches as they eagerly watched him win season 7 of The Voice. Some of his most memorable moments on the show include his soulful rendition of Johnny Cash's "Walk the Line," his star-studded performance of "Boots On" along-side Blake Shelton and the forever touching "Old Rugged Cross". With the trophy now sitting on his mantle, Boyd is determined to bring to his #YALLER fans his most real, most raw, most country music yet. We are "One Line Away" from the music everyone has been waiting for.

After winning The Voice, Boyd signed with Universal Republic and Dot Records,

played the Grand Ole Opry, and went on a 65-city tour. He later left Dot Records and signed a new deal with Copperline Music Group in 2017. He has also released music on his own imprint, Long Haul Records. He formed the band Texas Hill with Casey James and Adam Wakefield in 2020. Boyd has since left the band and focused on his solo career.

Craig said, "Special Events Commission, I would be honored to give you a CWB Gone Country cowboy hat, however I sure hope it don't rain us out!"

The Rain Day Hat Bet's first recorded year was 1939, when sportswriter Al Abrams bet his hat that it wouldn't rain. He lost the bet, as did the bettors over the next six years, until the bet with boxing champion Jack Dempsey. Over the following years, television sports reporters, weathermen, writers, actors, television hosts, sports personalities and players, singers, and even Punxsutawney Phil and his club have wagered their hats against the rain. In 1992 and 1993, bets were placed against entire towns (Niceville, Florida and Mason City, Iowa). Interested in an entire listing of the Rain Day Hat Bets? Visit [rain-dayfestival.com/hat-bet/](http://rain-dayfestival.com/hat-bet/) to see everyone that took a chance with their hat, and whether they won or lost.

Last year, Rick Sebak had to hand over his hat to the Special Events committee. This year it looks like Craig Wayne Boyd will be handing over one his special cowboy hats, because every-one knows that it's going to rain in Waynesburg on July 29. That's what makes it Rain Day!



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\*If rain is continuous from the preceding night (July 28th) or no rain falls, the contest will be cancelled and the award will be carried over to the ensuing year.

# Miss Rain Day Pageant

*It wouldn't be Rain Day without the Rain Day Pageant!*

**ANG**



Ang Kean is the 17-year-old daughter of Margaret Bigley of Dilliner. This fall she will be a senior at Mapletown High School.

**ADDISON**



Addison Palko is the 15-year-old daughter of Melissa and Tom Palko of Jefferson. She will be a sophomore at Jefferson Morgan High School.

**ABBY**



Abby Ray is the 15-year-old daughter of Jason and Natalie Ray of Carmichaels. She will be a sophomore at Carmichaels Area High School.

**CAMRYN**



Camryn Hawfield is the 15-year-old daughter of Tim and Betsy Hawfield of Waynesburg. This fall she will be a sophomore at Waynesburg Central High School.

**BRYN**



Bryn Lahew is the 16-year-old daughter of Michelle Shannon and Chay Lahew of Waynesburg. This fall she will be a junior at Waynesburg Central High School.

## 2022 MISS RAIN DAY

Miss Rain Day 2022 is Isabelle Tedrow, the 19-year-old daughter of Tarisa and Kenny Tedrow of Jefferson. She is a 2022 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School, & currently attends PennWest California University, majoring in Prek-4th Education. She is also a 2022 graduate of Greene County Career and Technology Center, and is pursuing her cosmetology license. She is currently employed at Fruition Bowls & Brews in Waynesburg.

As a dancer, she studied Jazz, Contemporary, On Pointe Ballet, Hip Hop, and Acrobatics. At her dance school-For the Love of Dance, she was an assistant teacher, a member of the competition dance team, and was named the 2021 Senior Company Dancer of the Year. She was a varsity cheerleader, as well as a cheer captain.

In addition to the Miss Rain Day title, she was awarded Top Sportswear, Top Evening Gown, Miss Photogenic, and the John O'Hara Essay Award.



Isabelle was inspired to become an elementary school teacher by her love of children and her own experience as a student with dyslexia. Her community service projects this summer are "Paws for a Cause: Giving back to the Humane Society" & "Reading is contagious, Spread the joy!" She will be competing in the Miss Pennsylvania competition in June, her Community Service Initiative is "Dyslexia is My Superpower" celebrating the unique strengths & abilities of people with dyslexia and bringing awareness to the community.

**CROWN BEARER**



Naya Jetten is the six-year-old daughter of Mabel and Mike Jetten of Waynesburg. She has two little sisters, Adeline and Genevieve. Naya is in kindergarten and attends Waynesburg Elementary. In her free time, she plays soccer and loves crafts as well as cooking and baking.



Five young ladies from around Greene County will compete in the 45th annual Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant. Hosted by Rain Day Scholarship Inc. and sponsored by Iron Senegy (Official Pageant Sponsor). The competition will begin at 4 p.m. on July 23 at Waynesburg Central High School Auditorium.

The contestants will be judged based on personal interview, sportswear, talent and evening gown competitions. Awards will be presented to those with top scores in these areas as well as Miss Personality, Miss Photogenic, the Kelly Smotzer Memorial Award, the Bryn Patton Smile Award, the Spirit Award

and the Scholastic Achievement Award. Participation awards will be given to all contestants. A Rain Maker Award will be presented to the contestant who collected the most sponsorships, and the John O'Hara Award will be given to the contestant who composes the best essay on what Rain Day means to them. The Remo C. Bertugli Memorial Award will also be presented, which is judged from essays submitted by the contestants on how a volunteering experience changed their life.

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The legendary Jacktown Fair, held July 18-22, 2023, is celebrating 158 years! The celebration begins with a worship service at 10am on Sunday, July 16 and the Queen and Princess Competition & Crowning at 7pm that evening at the fairgrounds in Wind Ridge, Pa.

The Jacktown Fair is sponsored by the Richhill Agricultural Society, originally named The Richhill Agricultural, Mechanical, and Manufacturing Association in its charter formed July 6, 1866. The first Jacksonville Fair (as it was initially

named) occurred on October 3 and 4 of that same year. The 158th Annual Jacktown Fair will kick off with the Jacktown Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 18, beginning at 6:30pm.

In addition to the Grand Marshall (the Board of Directors of the Richhill Agricultural Society has not named the Grand Marshall as of this time), the parade will feature the reigning 2022 Jacktown Fair Queen Jordan Karvan, the 18-year-old daughter of Renee Morris and Daniel Karvan of Wind Ridge. She is a recent graduate of West Greene High School where she participated in varsity softball, volleyball, and basketball. She was also a member of the Peer Mentoring Club, Science Club, and FFA Floral Design Program. Jordan is currently attending Waynesburg University. Also featured will be the 2023 Jacktown Fair Princess who will be crowned July 16, and the contestants vying to be this year's Fair Queen. In addition, state and local dignitaries will participate in this year's parade.

The Jacktown Fair Parade offers prize money in two float contests. The mini float contest, with prizes of \$40, \$30, \$20, & \$10 features floats constructed on a child's wagon, a

wheel barrow, garden cart, small cart, etc. It can be hand pulled or pulled by a lawn size tractor. In the regular float contest, winning entries receive \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25. Both float contests will utilize this year's fair theme "Growing the Future." Float entries will be judged on their attractiveness, design, workmanship, use of the theme, originality, and other elements. Groups, individuals - anyone wishing to enter a float corresponding to this year's theme is encouraged to do so.

The Jacktown Fair Board invites all interested bands, businesses, churches, fire companies, groups, organizations and individuals to partici-

pate in the parade. If you have an interesting, entertaining, showy or unusual item - your entry is welcomed. Antique and classic cars, clowns, horses, regional/ local queens, and princesses... everyone's invited to join the parade!

Be a part of the Nation's oldest continuous fair by being in the Jacktown Fair annual parade! Contact parade chair Marcia Sonneborn as soon as possible, so the parade's line can be constructed. Your date of entry will be taken into consideration when forming the parade line. For more information or to reserve your place, call 724-747-4631 or email marciasonneborn@windstream.net.



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## 2023 JACKTOWN FAIR

### ★★★★ SCHEDULE ★★★★★

#### SUNDAY - JULY 16

10:00 am - Worship Service  
7:00 pm - Queen Competition & Princess Competition & Crowning

#### TUESDAY - JULY 18

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Bingo  
6:00 pm - Float Contests  
6:30 pm - Parade  
7:00 pm - Guest Dignitaries & Crowning of Miss Jacktown Fair  
8:00 pm - Music by Shortline Junction  
8:00 pm - ATV & UTV Dirt Drags  
9:30 pm - DNT Fireworks

#### WEDNESDAY - JULY 19

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Bingo  
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Youth Night (Ages 14 & under free rides sponsored by First Federal S & L of Greene Co.)  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Fairytale Princess & Superhero Visits  
7:00 pm - Truck Pull  
7:00 pm - Food Eating/Youth Night Contests  
7:00 pm - Cincinnati Circus Show  
8:30 pm - Music by Cassidy Paige  
8:30 pm - Cincinnati Circus Show

#### THURSDAY - JULY 20

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Bingo  
7:00 pm - Cincinnati Circus Show  
7:00 pm - Tractor Pull  
7:30 pm - Music by Iron Horse Band  
8:30 pm - Cincinnati Circus Show  
9:30 pm - DNT Fireworks

#### FRIDAY - JULY 21

9:30 am - Tractor Driving Contest  
11:00 am - Livestock Judging Contest  
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Bingo  
7:00 pm - Cincinnati Circus Show  
7:00 pm - UTV Mud Bog  
7:00 pm - 4-H Rabbit & Goat Sale  
7:00 pm - Music by Aaron Margaria  
8:30 pm - Cincinnati Circus Show

#### SATURDAY - JULY 22

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Bingo  
7:00 pm - Hardcore Demolition Derby  
7:00 pm - Music by Foggy Meadows

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Ray was mentored by John Rich of Big & Rich on the singing competition The Next: Fame Is at Your Doorstep, which he won. He and Rich co-wrote Big & Rich’s 2015 single, “Run Away with You”. After winning the competition, Ray was signed to Warner Bros. Records Nashville. His first EP, Tour Bootleg, was released in 2014; the EP’s song “Kiss You in the Morning” went to number one on the Country Airplay charts in 2015. He then released his full-length major label debut, Michael Ray in 2015 and made it to number four on the Country Albums chart. His second album, Amos, included a top country singles.

Viewing for the concert will be permitted in the grandstand area and the track in front of the stage. No one will be permitted in either area until after the sound check is completed (approximately one hour before the concert begins). Space is first come, first serve for both the grandstand and track areas. You are welcome to bring chairs for the track area, no chairs will be provided. The grandstand area does have bleachers and picnic tables while space permits. Beer will be available for purchase in designated areas of the grandstand and track only during the concert. You must be 21 or older to purchase with a valid ID. Cash only. No outside alcohol is permitted.

Other musical entertainment at the 2023 Greene County Fair includes Slim Pickens Band on August 10 at 8:30pm.

### PULLS, DERBIES, AND RACES

If you’re more into action than music, The Greene County Fair has plenty of that to keep you entertained. On Thursday, August 10 KOI Drag Racing starts at 7pm, with classes for kids (12 & under) and adults! Over 20 classes for ATVs, dirt bikes and side by sides. Class entry fee is \$10 with 100%

payout. Registration is on August 8 at 5pm, followed by practice. KOI Drag Racing is a racing organization that brings dirt drag racing to you. Visit [koidragracing.com](http://koidragracing.com) to learn more about them.

Truck and tractor pulls will be held on Tuesday, August 8 and Saturday, August 12 at 7pm. Tuesday’s classes include Pro Stock 4x4 Trucks, 8000 Open Street Diesel, and Hot Farm Tractors; Saturday’s include Super Stock 4x4 Trucks, Limited Pro/Super Farm Tractors, 2.6 Diesel 4WD Trucks, and Hot Street Semi Trucks.

The always popular demolition derby Chaos in Coal Country! by Hard Core Derby returns on Friday, August 11. It will feature hardcore compacts and hardcore Hobby Stock classes. Inspection starts that day at 12pm and goes until 3pm; the derby starts at 7:30pm. The derby will be preceded by the Kids Power Wheels Derby at 7pm.

Hard Core Derby is a team of knowledgeable and experienced individuals dedicated to promoting and preserving the sport of demolition derby. The team is comprised of current and former drivers with well over one hundred years of experience. Members of their team have built cars and ran at some of the biggest derbies in the country along with competing in every fair in our area. Visit <https://hardcorederbypromotions.com> for a list of rules.

Pennsylvania’s Harness Fair Circuit returns to the fair with harness racing held on Tuesday, August 8, and Wednesday August 9, at 12:30pm.

Admission for the fair is \$10 at the gate (Wednesday is \$15) and includes parking, animals, rides, and entertainment.



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# 2023 • Greene County Fair • August 6th - 12th

## SCHEDULE

### Sunday, July 30th • (No Animals or Rides)

1PM ..... Junior, Little, & Mini Princess Contest  
 4PM ..... Fair Queen Contest

### Sunday, August 6th • (No Rides)

10AM ..... Draft Horse Halter & Mules Show  
 1PM ..... Draft Horse Hitch Show  
 5:30PM ..... Vesper Service (open to public), led by Rev. Don Wilson

### Monday, August 7th • Kids Day

A child (12 & under) accompanied by a paid adult admission ticket admitted FREE

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9AM ..... Home & Garden Judging (closed to public)  
 9:30AM ..... 4-H, FFA and Open Goat Show  
 1:30PM ..... Live Carcass Contest  
 4PM ..... Bingo  
 4-6PM ..... Queen Meet & Greet  
 4-8PM ..... Farm Bureau Ladies Craft Time for Kids  
 6PM ..... Live Judging: Special Baking Contests  
 7PM ..... Farm Tractor Pulls  
 7PM ..... Leadline Contest

### Tuesday, August 8th

9:30AM ..... 4-H Rabbit Show  
 11:30AM ..... Dairy Cattle Show 4-H & FFA Showmanship  
 12:30PM ..... Harness Racing  
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 4PM ..... Bingo  
 6PM ..... 4-H & FFA Market Steer Show & Showmanship  
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### Wednesday, August 9th

Wednesday admission to the fair is \$15  
 9:30AM ..... 4-H, FFA & Open Beef Cattle Show  
 12:30PM ..... Harness Racing  
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 4PM ..... Bingo  
 6:30PM ..... 4-H & FFA Market Lamb Show & Showmanship  
 8:30PM ..... Live Music: Michael Ray

### Thursday, August 10th • Senior Citizen Day & Veterans Day

Seniors, ages 65 and older with proper ID, and Veterans admitted FREE

8:30AM ..... 4-H, FFA & Open Sheep Show  
 12PM ..... Bingo  
 5:15PM ..... 4-H & FFA Livestock Showmanship Awards  
 6PM ..... 4-H & FFA Market Steer and Lamb Sale  
 7PM ..... KOI Drag Racing  
 8:30PM ..... Live Music: Slim Pickens Band  
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### Friday, August 11th

10AM ..... 4-H & FFA Tractor Driving Competition followed by 4-H & FFA Stockmens Contest  
 4PM ..... Bingo  
 7PM ..... Kids Power Wheels Derby  
 7:30PM ..... Chaos in Coal Country Demolition Derby Featuring  
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### Saturday, August 12th

4PM ..... Bingo  
 5:30PM ..... Wood Carvings Auction, Auctioned by Joe Pyle Auction Service  
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The Fair Queen Program of the Greene County Fair is now accepting applications for the 2023 Greene County Fair Queen Contest celebrating its 37th year. The contest will take place on Sunday, July 30th at the Greene County Fair Grounds at 4:00 p.m. The Queen contest is open to females aged 16 to 20 as of June 1, 2022, who must reside in Greene County, Pennsylvania.

New this year is the addition of younger age divisions allowing children as young as 6-years old the opportunity to participate. Three age divisions will cover ages 6 through 15 and a Mini, Little and Junior Greene County Fair Princess will be named.

The 2023 Greene County Fair Queen will compete in the 2024 State Fair Contest during the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Convention, held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in January 2024.

Queen contestants be judged on an essay on "What the Greene County Fair Means to my Community", a three-to-five-minute speech on "Why You Should Come to the Greene County Fair", a personal interview, impromptu question, and modeling in an evening gown. Younger contestants will be judged on age-appropriate activities.

At the conclusion of the contests, the 2023 Queen Team will be crowned by the 2022 Greene County Fair Queen, Talia Tuttle of Waynesburg. In addition, to a crown and sash, compliments of Lola Energy, each new title holder will receive a prize package with items donated by local businesses. Each new title holder will also receive a cash prize at the end of their reign with the queen taking home \$1,000.

Also new this year, the 2023 queen will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to Waynesburg University. This scholarship will be presented for the first time and begins a new tradition for the Queen program. The queen, along with all queens from Greene, Washington and Fayette counties will participate in a Professional Development program created and designed by the Greene County Fair Queen Committee with Pageant Winner Consulting. The program is designed to provide training for each of the five regional queens in

speech presentation and interview skills. The goal is to not only prepare our young women to compete at the state contest, but to prepare them for collage and entering the workforce.

The 2023 Greene County Fair Queen Team will represent the fair at local parades, other fairs, and queen contests in the region along with various local events and activities over the next year and of course participate in many activities during the week of August 6th through the 12th at the Greene County Fair.

A Queen Meet-n-Greet will be held on Monday, August 7th from 4-6pm during "Kids Night at the Fair" during which time attendees to the fair can meet and get their photo taken, not only with our new queens and princesses, they can also meet the 2023 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen, Chole Bomgardner who will be a special guest of the fair that day.

The application to participate can be found on the fair's website at <https://greene-countyfair.org/fair-queen> and further information can be obtained by emailing [greene-countypafairqueen@gmail.com](mailto:greene-countypafairqueen@gmail.com)

The deadline to register to participate is Thursday, June 30th.



L-R: Madyson McDonald - 2022 GCFQ First Alternate & Talia Tuttle - 2022 Greene County Fair Queen

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A, B or C

# CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Many families in Greene County look forward to the arrival of Jacktown and Greene County fairs for more reasons than you know. One treat is getting to be the test panel for the bakers in the family who are planning to compete in one or more of the baking contests that bring out the best cooks in the county. Here are four that offer the highest premiums and a chance to advance to state competition.

All four contests will be held at each fair, at Jacktown on July 17, and Greene County Fair on August 7. Entrants in each of these contests must be Pennsylvania residents and may not have won first place in the same contest at any other 2023 fair. Cash prizes will be awarded at all the local contests and the first-place winners in each will also advance to the state finals at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January for a chance at \$500 cash prize for the winning recipe in each contest.

New last year, both the Jacktown Fair and the Greene County Fair will open the judging of the special baking contests to the public again this year. The judging will be held live for these competitions. The live judging for the Jacktown Fair will be held on July 16 at 7pm and live judging for the Greene County Fair is August 7 at 6pm.

FMI on deadlines, entry forms, and full contest rules contact Karrie Burns for the Jacktown Fair at 724-833-0718 or visit [jacktownfair.org](http://jacktownfair.org), and for the Greene County Fair or contact Liz Marshall at 724-852-2175 or visit [greencountyfair.org](http://greencountyfair.org).

## INCREDIBLE ANGEL FOOD CAKE CONTEST

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Egg Farmers and the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. There are two main types of cakes, butter, and foam (egg-leavened). Angel food is the classic example of a foam cake. The cake is 100% fat free and, because of the

eggs, is a good source of the highest quality protein, as well as a source of choline, which is essential to memory and brain development. Prizes awarded will be first place: \$25; second place: \$15; and third place: \$10. When entering your cake, which must be made from scratch and should use eggs produced in Pennsylvania, you must also submit the recipe. Cakes will be judged on the following categories and percentages: 30% Flavor (smell, taste, flavoring); 25% Inside Characteristics (texture, lightness); 20% Overall Appearance (surface, size, color); 15% Creativity; 10% Topping, Icing or Decoration.

## BLUE RIBBON APPLE PIE CONTEST

Sponsored by The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs, this is among the most popular contests and sought-after award. Over 100 fairs across Pennsylvania will offer cash prizes for the best pie.

Pies do not have to be traditional two crusted pies, and can have other ingredients in the filling, though it must be 60% apples. All ingredients and decorations must be edible. Judging will be based on total score up to 100 points according to these categories: Flavor - 30 points; Filling consistency, doneness, moistness & flavor - 25 points; Crust color, flavor, texture, doneness - 20 points; Overall Appearance - 15 points; Creativity - 10 points. The recipe for the pie must be submitted with the entry. So, dig out that favorite apple pie recipe and give it a try. You could end up being the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie winner.

## HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF). A contest participant must be an individual amateur baker, and the entry must be a layered chocolate cake made from scratch. The entry must be frosted, and the frosting must also be

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# A Family Legacy: Larry Marshall & the Greene County Fair

The Greene County Fair brings nostalgia and excitement to a summer of fun for so many. As one of Greene County's largest events, hours of preparation and dedication from many individuals help lead it to success year after year. For over 40 years, Larry Marshall served his community as Fair Manager and a member of the Fair Board. He passed away after a battle with cancer on October 14, 2022 at the age of 75. His legacy leaves a lasting impact on his family, the community, and the Greene County Fair.

Dedication and service is not uncommon when talking about Larry Marshall. He served as a volunteer member of the Waynesburg-Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department in multiple positions including Fire Chief, served on the Waynesburg Borough Council, and as Main Street Manager for Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful. After retirement from teaching Honors Physics at Trinity High School, he became the Athletic Director of Waynesburg University before moving into the position of Special Assistant to the President

for Community Affairs. So it isn't much of a surprise that he served the Greene County Fair with a passion that you don't often see for over 40 years.

Born on November 30, 1946 and raised in Waynesburg by parents Amity "Red" and Marie Marshall, Larry was acquainted early in life with the Greene County Fair. Red was the local Coca-Cola salesman in Greene County. Prior to cell phones, communication was a struggle for the fair vendors to let him know when they needed more product. To solve the problem, Red and Marie opened a stand at the fairgrounds in the mid-1960s selling Coca-Cola, chips, and candy bars. Larry and his brother, Ed, spent many nights gathering up empty bottles to return to the bottling company.

Even after Red's retirement from Coca-Cola, the family maintained their presence at the fair and increased what they sold to include homemade food - chili dogs and cream chicken sandwiches were their specialties. Siblings, spouses, and children contributed to the stand each year as it brought about a reunion of friends and family while each developed a love of the fair.

It was during this time that the president of the Fair Board, Riley White, asked Larry if he was interested in serving as Fair Manager. As he was a high school teacher and assistant basketball coach at Waynesburg University, he could take on another summer project. With this decision, his involvement with the fair expanded to leading it over the next four decades.

The Greene County Fair evolved with Larry helping to oversee improvements alongside the Fair Board and the County of Greene. From creating the first-ever emergency plan for the fair to building the current grandstands that would seat 1,800 people. Livestock exhibitors were permitted to stay in RVs on the fairgrounds to be close to their animals. Additional buildings were built including the Infield Building, the Fair Office, and the Rabbit and Goat Barns.

Larry attended the year-

ly Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs convention in January to keep up with the industry and recruit new options for our community. The fair was able to host country music artists such as Confederate Railroad, John Berry, and Tracy Lawrence. Popular in the 1990s, the Hollywood Stunt Show was a crowd favorite that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. The Greene County Mega Pull event was added to bring another option for truck and tractor pull enthusiasts. These options became available to Greene County thanks to Larry's diligence in fiscal management and industry knowledge.

The Greene County Fair continued to grow with people coming from as far as California. Larry and the Fair Board helped to make the fair more affordable by implementing a pay-one-price structure instead of charging separately for admission, parking, rides, and grandstand. This also allowed the fair to keep a carnival returning each year and opened up better entertainment options.

One of the challenges Larry faced every year was securing employees. When you are asking for someone to work outside for seven long days through heat and at least one downpour, it is not the easiest task. He gained a significant boost from kids that he coached to the children of firemen. The fair grows on the kids (much like it did on Larry) and they return year after year. Today, workers now include kids of those earlier workers set out to discover the fun and joy in a job well done.

Larry's family were not exceptions. All five children - Jeff, Eric, JoAnne, Jenny, and Julie - have worked the fair, often taking time off to assist him. But it didn't always start at the fair. Some of the earlier jobs were distributing flyers to Greene County businesses to marking the halls for vendors with chalk. The payment was usually ice cream - an acceptable form of payment as a kid. This year, Eric continues in his dad's footsteps as Fair Manager.

The Greene County Fair is not a week-long event for those involved. It is a year-long project filled with meetings, contracts, correspondence, and phone calls. Larry's leadership skills, the ability to problem solve quickly (like when the goat tent flooded), the willingness to jump in - no matter the task, his patience in dealing with the problems that come with such a role, and the support of his family helped him serve his hometown as Fair Manager for 42 years.

As in every role Larry Marshall has taken on, he simply did what was needed to be done.



The Greene County Fair received the 2021 Hospitality Event of the Year. Pictured from l. to r.: Sandy Wilson, Tourism Board President; Commissioner Betsy McClure, Debbie Stephenson, Fair Board Secretary/Treasurer; and Larry Marshall, Fair Manager.



Larry Marshall received the Distinguished Alumni award from Waynesburg University in 2022.

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# ALL TOGETHER NOW WITH SUMMER READING

With area schools out for the summer, Greene County public libraries are preparing for another season of summer reading. Both Flen-niken and Bowlby libraries will be featuring a summer of togetherness – and offering in-person classes, events, and story times.

Summer programming at Flenniken kicked off on June 3 at 11am with a Tiny Tim Tomatoes class and got into full swing on the Friday, June 16 at the Summer Quest kick-off party. The kick-off party is also the beginning of Flen-niken's Friday Fun Days. Fridays Fun Days include June 23: Alice in Wonderland Tea Party, June 30: Paint n Snack, July 7: Farm Day, July 14: The Bug Lady, July 21: Rain Ready, and July 28: Harry Potter Birthday Party. On Saturday, July 29, The Good Zoo from Oglebay Zoo will have a special presentation. The program ends on August 13.

Mondays are for Movie Mondays, featuring a children's movie at 1pm, and Middle School Mondays, with crafts and activities for older kids at 4:30pm. On Tuesdays, there are Pre-K and Kindergarten sessions with Miss Rae at 11am and 1pm, and during the evening, Tuesdays Together provides activities and programs for all interests (June 20: Family Game Night, June 27: Lego Building, July 11: Story-telling, July 18: Author Kevin Paul, July 25: Bigfoot Talk). Two classes on Wednesdays, one for grades 3-5 at 11am and one for grades 1-2 at 1pm, will keep your children's brains working with story time activities, crafts, and experiments; the Middle School Reading Competition Book Club also meets on Wednesdays for grades 6-8. On Thursday at 6pm, Teen Movie Night and pizza. And each Friday has a fun event, as well as Toddler Time with Miss Rae at 11am.

If you're doing your summer reading through Flenniken, make sure to keep track of the non-fiction books you read. Five Lego sets will be awarded to the reader with the most nonfiction in each school-age category.

Summer reading at Bowlby begins on June 26 and runs for eight weeks. A kick off party will be held on June 24 from 1-3pm, including planting your own zinnias and a puppet show. Ready for Kindergarten classes will be held on Mondays for 4- to 6-year-olds to learn skills essential for their kindergarten transition. Preschool and toddler story classes will be held on Tuesdays: Ages 2-3 at 10:30am, Under 2 at 11:30am, Ages 3-5 at 1:30pm and another Ages 2-3 at 5pm. On Wednesdays, all ages of children Stories Under the Moon evening at 6pm. On Wednesdays and Thursday from 10-3 is Summer Quest for elementary aged children that have completed kindergarten, with team challenges, art, robotics, and more; Wednesday is for ages 6-8 and Thursdays for ages 9-12. Lunch is included at the Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday programs. On those days anyone 18 and younger is welcome to join the library for free lunch, even if they are not participating in a program.

The program will end with Field Trip Week, in which early childhood story time participants can visit Spark! Imagination and Science Center in Morgantown on August 15; Summer Quest participants can attend a play at South Park Theater on August 16, and all summer programming participants can join us for a picnic at Ryerson State Park on August 17, where visitors from Spark! Imagination and Science Center will join with some fun experiments about air pressure.



Summer Reading kicked off at Flen-niken with a fun party.



On Saturday, August 19, anyone can join the library for their annual trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo!

Meanwhile, there's the reading portion open to kids who can't come to the regular programming accessible at <https://evakbowlby.beanstack.com/>. Log your reading and earn Book Bucks. Eight themed challenges can earn you additional Book Bucks. Book Bucks can be spent on small items throughout the summer or saved for the Book Buck Auction on August 18 and traded for big prizes!

Both libraries will once again utilize Beanstack as part of their summer reading program. They introduced the app in 2020 during the pandemic to provide an on-line summer reading program to patrons. Beanstack ([beanstack.com](https://beanstack.com)) is used by more than 1,000 school district and libraries. It allows readers to register in just seconds and begin earning virtual badges, tickets for drawings, and real-world prizes by tracking their reading. Readers can also post book reviews and keep track of activities. The one-of-a-kind mobile app lets patrons time reading sessions, logbooks by scanning their ISBN numbers, keep a log of current and past reading, and track reading stats, all while completing their summer reading program for Flenniken or Bowlby.

To start your summer reading challenge, visit [beanstack.com](https://beanstack.com) and search for your local library to sign up.

FMI on each program, contact Flenniken Library at 724-966-5263 or [flenniken.org](https://flenniken.org) and Bowlby Library at 724-627-9776 or [evakbowlby.org](https://evakbowlby.org).

Research has shown that not only does reading improve memory and empathy, and it also makes you feel better by reducing stress and helping with depression. So, start the summer off with a good book – or a few!

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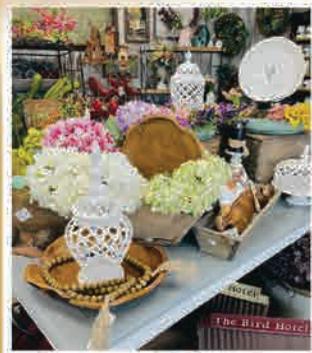


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# Little Miss Firecracker

The Little Miss Firecracker Pageant sponsored by the Waynesburg Lions Club will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at the Waynesburg Lions Club Park Stage at 6:30 pm.

The pageant is a noncompetitive event for girls ages 5-8, the girls appearing in patriotic attire while being interviewed on stage. Little Miss Firecracker is determined when each contestant draws a wrapped flower from a basket, with the winner being the one drawing the different colored flower.

The winner will receive a crown, trophy, and bouquet. Each contestant receives a participation medal and gifts. The 2022 Little Miss Firecracker, Hailey Policz will crown the new queen. The contestants will rehearse on Monday, July 3 at 6pm at the Waynesburg Lions Club Park on the stage of the amphitheatre.



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# Coal Queen Pageant

On Sunday, August 20, 12 candidates will compete to capture the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Queen 2023. Candidates from Greene, Fayette, and Washington counties will gather at the Carmichaels Area High School auditorium that evening to showcase their skills and talents. 2022 Coal Queen Brianna Hensch of Laurel Highlands will pass her crown on to the 2023 queen. The 2023 Coal Queen will be featured in the week's coal show activities, culminating in the 2023 parade that Saturday. The queen will also participate in local events throughout the year.

The candidates this year are:

- Albert Gallatin High School - Hadyn Chipps
- Bethlehem-Center High School - Trinity Rudman
- Brownsville High School - Caylee Balabon
- California Area High School - Delayna Easo
- Carmichaels Area High School - Alexa Mori
- Clay-Battelle High School -

- Ella Patreece Lybarger
- Connellsville Area High School - Kaitlyn Erwin
- Frazier High School - Emma Mcafee
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## Join the 2023 Coal Show Parade!

The King Coal Association of Carmichaels is celebrating their 68th year and would like to extend a cordial invitation to you and your organization to participate in our Coal Show parade.

The parade will be held on Saturday, August 26. Please arrive in Carmichaels by 3pm; the parade route will be closed to traffic at 3:30pm. Marching units and bands will meet at the St. Hugh Catholic Church on Rt. 88. All other units are to meet at the former drive-in on Rt. 88. and leaves the former drive-in at 3:50pm.

Prizes will be awarded for marching bands, baton corp/specialty units, floats and fire apparatus. Marching bands will receive

\$350 for first place and \$250 for second place in three categories: Sr. High School (9-12), Jr./Sr. High School (7-12), and Senior Marching Band. Non-winners are guaranteed \$150.

The Best Baton Corp/Specialty Unit will receive \$100. First place floats will receive \$300 and second place will receive \$250 (\$100 guaranteed to all winners in this category). Floats must be coal themed to be judged. Fire apparatuses will receive plaques in their categories.

FMI, contact Parade Chairman Justin Newman at 724-833-5400 or [kingcoalshow@gmail.com](mailto:kingcoalshow@gmail.com). Find them on Facebook @king-coalassociation.

## Ready to Run at the King Coal 5K Run/Walk

The 2023 King Coal 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run will be held on August 19 at the Carmichaels Fire Hall. Race registration starts at 8am. The Kids Fun Run starts at 9am and the 5K begins at 9:30am.

Early registration lasts until July 30. Adults and children 10 and up competing in

the 5K are \$20, and children 10 and under for the Fun Run are \$10. After July 30, registration for adults cost \$25 and the Kids Fun Run is \$10. To guarantee your t-shirt, please register before July 30. You can preregister for the event by visiting [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) and searching for it.

## Hit a Hole-in-One at the Sara L. Ruth Memorial Golf Outing

The annual King Coal Association, Inc. Sara L. Ruth Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at the Carmichaels Golf Course at 471 Harts Rd in Carmichaels.

Registration begins at 8am and the shotgun starts is at 9am. The format is 4-person scramble. Only the first 36 teams received will be accepted, so return your entry as soon as possible!

There are three Hole-in-One Prizes,

including a \$10,000 prize, a \$300 first place prize. The cost is \$300 per team and includes green fees, 1/2 cart, food, beverages, fun, and prizes. Entries are due by August 7. Entries can be mailed to King Coal Assoc. Inc, Attn: Golf Outing, PO Box 275, Carmichaels, PA 15320 and checks can be made payable to King Coal Association. FMI, contact Justin Newman at 724-833-5400 or David D'Antonio at 724-880-6052.

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