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I Love this Community — LISA RUMBLE MILLER

By Colleen Nelson

“When one door closes, many more open.” We’re sitting in the Ice Plant Restaurant on 342 Stoney Hill Road, Greensboro and there are doors in place of plaster on every wall. Some are burnished, some show multiple layers of paint, some are salvaged from the old brick Gabler home that sits next door; all are family heirlooms. They make a fine-grained backdrop to the many old photos that march across the walls that tell the story of Greensboro, from the pottery, steamboat and packet boat days to the families who have lived here for generations and have kept the spirit of the old Ice House – and Greensboro alive.

Lisa Rumble Miller laughed when I asked her to hold up the generous Ice Plant coffee cup that never runs empty until the last crumbs of homemade cake or pie are eaten. It would be my first shot for this story about a remarkable woman that until now, I’ve only known for the good food I’ve eaten here whenever I’ve stopped by. When Sheri Garkick emailed in her I Love This Community Nomination, she let us know that “Lisa is the epitome of hometown pride!” and added an impressive list of things she’s gotten started, gotten done, or improved upon as a lifelong resident of the Greensboro community.

Exhibit A: Those veteran banners I passed driving down Stoney Hill Road that hang from every available pole in Glassworks at the edge of Greensboro and throughout the old town itself.

“It bothered me that we didn’t have banners like Masontown and Pt. Marion did,” Lisa said. And with that, in 2021, the banner project was born. As secretary of Greensboro Borough Council, she asked the council “do you mind if I do this?” and was off and running. She began getting the word out to veterans and their families for orders and co-

ordinating Fast Signs in Uniontown to make banners “with a big focus on the photo. I wanted to make sure they could be seen.”

With Commissioner Mike Belding officiating, and the Greensboro VFW and Fire Department leading the charge at the kickoff ceremony and parade that year, “we saw more people in town that day than in decades. The Carmichaels band came and so did the Waynesburg VFW color guard. It was wonderful.”

“Seeing is believing,” and suddenly other towns wanted banners to honor their veterans. Lisa shared the banner project, first in Bobtown, “then Helen Butalla got it going in Carmichaels through the Women’s Civic Club, and Bobtown helped Mt. Morris. We keep putting them up here as the orders come in my husband and son get them hung. We now have 200 banners in the borough. I would have been happy with 50! We’ve run out of poles around town so we’ll keep putting them up the hill. This is where my heart is.”

Lisa Rumble grew up in a family with deep roots to the land and the history of Greensboro. “The Rumbles were potters. I have a piece of Greensboro pottery that my great uncle William ‘Smiley’ Rumble put his initials on. When I was younger I didn’t care much about things like that. Now I want to keep as much history alive as I can. This town is my heart and soul.”

The Rumbles were also farmers. Their farm on Old Dairy Road produced plenty of produce in its day that got sold around town and Lisa remembers: “Rumbles were still riding on horseback in the 1970s.”



LEFT: Lisa Rumble Miller holds up the never ending Ice Plant coffee mug. RIGHT: Lisa organized the effort to get the veterans banners placed around Greensboro.



Father Jim Rumble was also working as a strip miner with a fleet of trucks and Lisa remembers going on the strip jobs with her dad in the truck and learning to do the paperwork. She had a talent for organizing that plays a role in everything she decides to do. She grew up in the golden age of a thriving, working class Greensboro filled with stores to shop in, plenty of things for kids to do, and a family that worked hard and cared for others. “My parents had golden hearts. They went over and above to help everybody, and they never let us quit anything we started. My dance instructor Linda Butcho had a dance school, and for her can’t was not an option. Betty Walker, my swim instructor was the same. I learned nothing is impossible. You just have to work at it.”

Some Gabler family history is captured in the photos on the wall. When daughter Selma Gabler married Bob Mavin they made ice in the winter, ran a custard stand on Rt. 88 in the summer and kept the family business going. One old photo from the 1950s shows their daughter Peggy in saddle shoes, striking a pose at work. The doors to the businesses in the Ice Plant would close through the years due to time, accidents and disasters, but as the menu notes, “Hence, when one door closes, many more open.”

One side of the menus on the tables tell “The Ice Plant Story” with a timeline of the original business that the Gabler family owned and operated in the 1890s, when water was pumped from the river to the

basement rooms in winter to be frozen and stored. “They also manufactured soda and ice cream. I really loved that old building!” So did the community. Later the Gablers added a dance hall with things to eat and “folks came from miles around to socialize.”

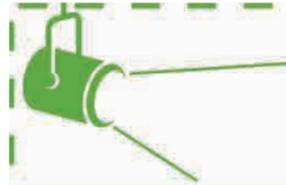
Lisa opened her phone to show me a snapshot of the Ice Plant in 2011 when it was her restaurant. This was before it was destroyed on January 5, 2014, and I suddenly realized this iconic image is the perfect segue for the old photo article I will write to finish the story that Lisa has to tell. She and husband Curt were the owners when an electrical short in a cooler smoldered into the 19th century horsehair plastered walls and the old building was completely gutted. When the state fire marshal ordered it torn down, “I was devastated. It was really heartbreaking. I didn’t know if I’d ever rebuild,” Lisa said.



Lisa, with her husband Curt, her mother JoAnn, and her son Jonathan, all work together to ensure The Ice Plant’s success.



The Ice Plant walls are reclaimed doors, covered in a photographic history of the area.



Inside this issue, you’ll find stories and pictures highlighting history, growth and simply the unique brand of personal service we enjoy as consumers and residents of this community. Learn about our local businesses, how it all started & what it took to get where they are today. And don’t forget, there’s a little added value in every word, if you accept our challenge to try for the \$50 cash prize in our Business Spotlight Trivia Contest.

Business Spotlight Trivia

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4. What program does Cassandra Tworzydlo head?
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7. What business celebrated their 100th anniversary?
8. Who does bowling partner Dylan compete with?
9. What does HONEY stand for?
10. What did Mona English and Robert English establish to honor a relative?



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around the pavilion that was still standing on the grounds. By 2018, she and husband Curt were busy installing walls on the pavilion and starting anew.

“July 27 will be our 28th annual car show on this spot. We’ve had tethered balloon rides, horse and buggy rides and this year we’re adding a craft vendors show. I’m always thinking ahead, I’m never done.”

We’re sitting in the refurbished pavilion/dining room that is now one part of the expansive layout of the restaurant that includes a kitchen, attached restrooms and a new storage area behind the kitchen. As we talked, the bustle of a family that works together surrounded us as customers come in for lunch. When I’d arrived just after the doors opened at 11 a.m., Lisa was busy at the cash register sorting out the details of a new system. Her mom, JoAnn, came out from the kitchen to say hello and later, husband Curt, an electrical contractor, and son Jonathan, 25, stopped by to see how things were going. When Lisa finally sat down she filled me in. “Mom’s 82 and she’s here every day, she bakes all the pies, my sister Bobbie makes all the cakes, sister Sheri is a server. Most of the staff have been here forever, they’re like family. But we can always use new people.”

Daughter Alexandra, 28 is a respiratory therapist at WVU and like Jonathan, still finds time to help out, Lisa added. “They grew

up in this place - it’s part of our life.”

That life took a dramatic shift on August 30, 2023 when this high-energy woman felt that something “just wasn’t right” while on a shopping trip to Walmart. That feeling turned into triple bypass heart surgery and a miraculous recovery. “I had no idea that I was having heart problems. The doctors call me a miracle patient.”

Lucky for Greensboro, the miracle patient who “can’t sit around and whine” only missed two monthly Borough meetings, she added with a grin. “I’ve been in therapy for five months now and it’s all good. I just have to learn to pace myself. Which is hard to do sometimes!”

So what doors are about to open next? “We’re calling it the Greensboro Mon Township Holiday and Events Committee.” This new committee is open to all residents of the towns and township who want to work together to bring in new events and support what’s already in the works going forward for this unique, tourist and business friendly corner of Greene County. “We want to include everyone. There is so much potential here to bring back some of what I remember we had growing up. Curt and Jonathan brought Curt’s family electrical business here from Uniontown in 2021. There’s room to grow in Greensboro and Greene County.”

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GreeneScene of the Past By Colleen Nelson

When Lisa Rumble Miller messaged me this little snapshot of the original Ice Plant Restaurant that she and husband Curt once owned and managed, the yellow time stamp from the pre-digital camera days lets us know exactly when it was taken: "07/08/2011 16:33." And the lit sign in the window lets you know the doors were open if you're ready for a late lunch or early dinner. And yes, it was another fine summer day by the river.

This historic building had been sitting along the road to Greensboro since the late 19th century. The Gabler family was in the business of making ice, and this was a prime spot. The Monongahela River, just over the bank across the road, could be pumped into the Ice Plant basement to be frozen and sold. The family also made ice cream and bottled soda, and later a dance hall was added that served food.

When daughter Selma married Bob Mavin, the family business grew with the times, making ice in the winter and operating a custard stand on Route 88 for summertime cruisers. When the Mavins finally closed their doors in 1979, it seemed like the sad end to a wonderful era. But Jim and JoAnn Rumble, another family with deep roots in the community, bought the property in 1981, the year before Lisa graduated high school. They were eager to remodel and reopen the Ice Plant Restaurant and keep its memory alive.

"Mom and Dad renovated the whole building," Lisa told me when I interviewed her at the new Ice Plant Restaurant that she and her extended family now own and operate. Her memories of what happened next are vivid. "The original door faced the river and they redid it to the side." But there would be no opening day. When the Election Day Flood of 1985 struck, "There was no insurance. The water came up into the field and inside. I remember the water was so high the counter was shoved against the door. My dad threw up his hands and said 'That's it! I'm done!'"

The Ice Plant would sit empty for years. But sitting empty was not an option for someone who loves her hometown as much as Lisa does. Plus, the sturdy old tiled block building was still in surprisingly good shape. Determined to make things right, she and husband Curt bought the property from her parents in 1995, did more extensive renovation and the Ice Plant Restaurant in the snapshot was open for business the next year. It would build a reputation as a restaurant with a boat launch (installed in 2007) just across the road and serving great family food at reasonable prices.



When the first electrical fire happened on Good Friday in 2001, the cause would eventually be traced to a damaged electrical power transformer surge and "we were last on the line," Lisa said. "We were lucky the firemen were having a Good Friday fish fry and they were all there to answer the call. The building was saved."

But the second electrical fire was not so forgiving, nor was the weather. On January 5, 2014, the fire hydrants were frozen and there was too much ice on the road for the fire trucks to pump from the river. The old building was totally gutted and state fire marshals ordered it torn down. It would take the Rumble Miller family two years to start rebuilding again, first by enclosing the remaining pavilion, then adding extra rooms and additions to become the Ice Plant Restaurant of today.

What's left of the historic Ice Plant is still there. A new pavilion has been built by the road, on the spot where it once stood. Lisa and I went outside to admire the wall that surrounds the pavilion. Under its roof is an outside bar where guests can sit during good weather. Topping the wall is tiled blocks salvaged from the old building's exterior. "I thought about making a flower bed but this is better," Lisa said with a grin. "People can still sit on, if not in, the old Ice Plant!"

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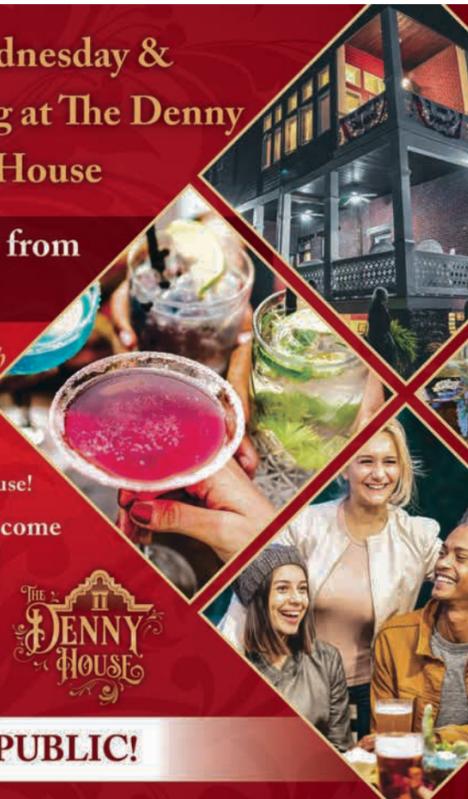
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Public Service Profile

By Zack Zeigler

PATRIOT DREAM RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Every spring and summer, thousands of people hit the open road on their motorcycles for the love of riding. The Patriot's Dream Riding Association (PDRA), based right here in Greene County, offers a family atmosphere for motorcycle enthusiasts looking to be a part of a family-friendly community, while sharing their love of riding.

"If you like to ride, this is the club for you," says former PDRA President Tom Ayres. "Come take a ride with us and have some fun."

They originally formed the group in 2000, but became the PDRA that it is known as today in 2011. The PDRA is registered as a 501C7 (C Corp) and offers family friendly riding for enthusiasts in Greene County and the surrounding area. They also welcome members from neighboring counties.

"We want to meet new members, and everyone is invited to our monthly meetings," says PDRA President Aaron Ketchem. "There is no fee for joining the club and no monthly dues. Also, anyone can join our rides. You don't have to be a club member as long as you ride with safety in mind."

Along with their monthly meetings, the team sets out on two rides per week between the months of May and October. The group's first trip comes Thursday nights at 5:30 PM, where the group rides distances of around 45 minutes to an hour and joins for a meal afterwards. Their second trip is on Sundays and includes full day adventures. In the past, they've gone to Deep Creek, Ohiopyle, and other local tourist attractions. Along with these weekly rides, PDRA also does a few long weekend trips where they come together as a community for the entire weekend. Other longer past trips

have included rides to Myrtle Beach, the Grand Canyon, and Yellowstone National Park, among others.

"There is no area we won't go to," Aaron says. "We try to pick out safe routes and avoid the interstate if at all possible. We have been to Uniontown, Morgantown, and Washington and try to keep it reasonably priced. I like the dinner aspect afterwards because once you're done riding, you get to hang out and be with people."

While riding is an important part of the group's identity, they also have a big focus on giving back to the Greene County community. In 2014, PDRA received the Organizational Distinguished Service Award for their work servicing the community. The group has raised and given out over \$75,000 over the past few years to organizations in need. They also take part in every event involving veterans in the area as they support those men and women who served in the armed forces. From riding in the Veteran's Day Parade to donations to organization like Wreath's Across America—these are just some ways for the group to give back to the community that fosters their support.

"We ride a lot, but it's not all we do," Ayres says. "I have been in the club since 2002 and my best friends are in this club. I consider these guys my brothers, and everyone in this association does what they can to help each other out."

The group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6 PM in the side room of the Bob Evans along E. Roy Furman Highway in Waynesburg. Interested in joining? Reach President Aaron Ketchem at 724-710-2378. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings to learn what the group is all about and see if it is for them.



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Cool at School:

Southeastern Greene

By Danielle Nyland

Educators across America understand the importance of hands-on learning. It has many benefits, including improved attention, better fact retention, encouraging teamwork, and a feeling of accomplishment. Not to mention how fun hands-on projects can be! At Mapletown High School in Southeastern Greene School District, students are taking part in a months-long, hands-on project that connects students to the environment, especially watersheds and their ecosystems—Trout in the Classroom.

Earth/Environmental Science teacher Amber Burkett has orchestrated this experience for her students for the past decade by working with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. Students receive rainbow trout eggs and raise them through their life cycle, from egg to sack fry (or alevins) to fry to fingerlings. They keep the eggs and sack fry in a basket in the tank until they reach fry stage, when they release the fry into the tank system.

"Having trout in the classroom allows us to learn more about the environment and watch nature as it develops and thrives," student Makenna Lotspeich shares. That includes the life cycle of trout, trout habitats, water quality and environmental needs, trout

survivorship in hatcheries versus the wild, and trout streams in the area. The students are given a lot of responsibility, also, which they take seriously.

During the trout's time in the school, the students in the Honors Environmental Science II class monitor and maintain the trout's tank. They test the water three times a week, feed the fish, and ensure that the water quality and temperature are within the correct parameters for the fish to grow successfully. Once they've reached the fingerling stage, they release the trout in Meadow Run in Ohiopyle during the spring.

"The students take their jobs seriously; they want to see the trout succeed. All my students enjoy having them in the class and learning about the life cycle. Many students throughout the day check on them. They are excited to know that they will be added to a wild trout stream where they have a chance to survive and reproduce."

Release day at Ohiopyle is more than just letting the trout into Meadow Run, an approved trout-release waterway. Prior to the release, students test the water quality at Meadow Run, ensuring that the conditions are better than what they had in their tank, necessary for the trout to survive. They also

do programs with Ohiopyle educators.

"Releasing the trout into their natural habitat is satisfying to see. All our hard work pays off when we see that we have contributed to helping our watersheds," says student Alexis Parry.

Hannah Kuntsen adds, "The hands-on learning and exploring at Ohiopyle makes it one of my favorite field trips every year."

The trout are not just a part of the students' education focusing on watersheds. Prior to receiving the trout, students completed a stream study of Whitley Creek to learn about water quality—an important part of successfully raising the trout. Mrs. Burkett's class also participates in Catfish in the Classroom starting in October. The class raises channel cats that they release into the river in May. The differ-



ences in raising catfish versus trout is another educational opportunity because of their differing needs.

DEJA BREW!

The Rise of Greene County's Coffee Culture

By Danielle Nyland

The coffee shop. Maybe for you, it's a quiet place to enjoy your favorite beverage. Or an inviting place to socialize with friends. Maybe you enjoy grabbing a brew, a bite, and spending your day ensconced in a chair working remotely or enjoying a good book. Whatever the coffee shop is to you, their growing popularity makes it easier than ever to find the coffee shop for you – even in Greene County.

What is it about coffee that brings people to these places in ever-increasing numbers? Studies show that 64% of people visit a coffee shop at least once a week (Project Café USA 2023). Many people believe in the health benefits from coffee: a decrease in stroke, depression, cardiovascular issues, kidney injury, liver disease, and more. According to studies by Project Café USA, 0.5-3 cups per day lessen your risk of overall mortality by 12%. And likelihood of death over a seven-year period lessens by 31% when drinking 1.5 to 3.5 cups per day. Nothing like your favorite drink having some health benefits, too, right?

The independent coffee shop boom has reached Greene County with the emergence of five new independent shops over the past year. In Rices Landing, the Rices Landing Coffee Co. opened their doors in April. In Carmichaels, Press On Bakes & Brews and LK Café opened this fall. And over in Waynesburg, Morning Rush and RGB Coffee opened in June and November, respectively. And just recently, the Fredericktown Butcher Shop has opened a coffee shop inside its storefront.

Rices Landing Coffee Company

Kaiten Goolsby hadn't originally planned on opening a coffee shop. At first, she had planned to open a preschool. However, after a local school district hired her, Kait knew that she couldn't run a preschool while teaching full time. It was time to pivot, and the idea of opening a coffee shop came to their minds.

Choosing their location was easy. Kait and her husband lived in the apartment above the old dentist office in Rices Landing, near Rt. 88. They renovated the former office themselves and began the process of finding the right coffee and equipment and getting trained. The preparations took about a year and a half, and the Rices Landing Coffee Co. was born.

"There was nothing like this where we are. We also lived in the apartment above the coffee shop, which made it convenient for us. There were no coffee shops or cafes for people in the community to meet up, or to connect to the internet to get work done."

On top of a diverse menu of hot, iced, and frozen espresso drinks, they offer specialty drinks depending on seasons, holidays, and even movies. For those who don't drink coffee, they have smoothies, teas, hot and frozen cocoa, and chai tea. They collaborate with local bakeries Willow Tree Farm Bakery and Lindaz Little Bakery to provide delicious bakery items like cinnamon rolls, pumpkin roll slices, pepperoni rolls, and

jumbo chocolate chip cookies. "We love incorporating local places, rather than buying from out of town. We all lift each other up. We plan to work with more small businesses in the future to have new, exciting events and items," Kait says.

"People come to try our coffee shop and other new places because they are curious at first. After that, people are attracted to having delicious coffee, scrumptious treats, and a relaxing atmosphere. I believe our customers come back simply because our coffee is good, and we care. We strive to make our drinks consistent by following exact recipes and constantly come out with new specials."

Press On Bakes & Brews

For Jamie Hollenbeck, opening Press on Bakes & Brews was at least two years in the making. Jamie started with a bakery (which still supplies goods for the shop). Once she decided to open the shop, it took about three months to really build up for the grand opening. But the dream of a coffee shop (or a bookstore) was something she'd talked about for a long time.

"It's nice to hang out and be in your community, I think," Jamie says. "Even if you're not a people person, you can still sit quietly and enjoy it."

Press on Bakes is unique among the other area coffee shops in that it only offers gluten-free items. While some places may offer selected gluten-free options, Jamie strives to create an atmosphere that those with gluten allergies can feel fully comfortable in, with no chance of accidental cross-contamination. It's proven successful for her, bringing in customers from Fayette County and West Virginia looking for gluten-free options. She also carries syrups and items that the other coffee shops do not, including Italian sodas. Italian sodas are a craft soda, where you pick the flavor(s) you want and how you want it made.

Jamie works with other businesses and carries other gluten-free snacks and merchandise and art from local artisans.



The Rices Landing Coffee Co. opened its doors the spring in the old dentist office in Rices Landing.



Jamie Hollenbeck opened Press On Bakes & Brews to provide a safe space for those with gluten allergies.

She hopes to expand to outdoor seating and a patio when the weather warms up. She also has plans to incorporate a loyalty program. Collaborating with other local businesses is important to Jamie: "If I don't carry something they want, I'm happy to direct them to another business that may carry it. There's plenty of business for everyone. If your business is pulling people in, and the other businesses are doing well, it will help you grow more. Everybody can help everybody, which is not always the mindset, especially in smaller towns."

"Everybody has got their own thing, and their own atmosphere. I don't think it's a bad thing to have variety. Everybody goes where they are comfortable. It's good to have variety for everybody."

LK Café at the Junction Deli

Owners Kaysee Lukacs and LaDana Maurin wanted to bring something to Greene County they knew wasn't around, and they relocated their small café in Southpointe to Carmichaels. When looking for a location, they knew it needed to be near Rt. 21 for the traffic, and the former Junction Deli



LK Cafe opened up in the former Junction Deli along Route 21 this autumn.

was the perfect place. Once they reached an agreement on the building, they prepared it for opening. The building needed extensive renovations, which were completed by the Lukacs and Maurin Families. "Without the Construction experience of Tommy Lukacs, Frank Lukacs, and Doug Maurin, none of this would have been possible" Kaysee says.

"Our goal is to have the community able to come here, not just in and out, but to hang out, work and watch TV" Tommy says. "We designed it homey and somewhere you want to come and spend time at." LaDana says.

In addition to their iced, frozen, and hot coffee offerings, they offer over 24 flavors of Penn State Creamery ice cream and milkshakes. Fresh baked pastry's and donuts from Valdiserri's Bakery of North Belle Vernon. Breakfast and deli sandwiches made on fresh baked bread for The Brown Bear Bread Company in Mt Oliver, PA. Other items include wraps, quesadillas, hoagies, salads, smoothies, smoothie bowls, soup and pizza all made with high-quality ingredients. Eventually, they'd like to open a drive-thru and plan on adding outdoor seating during the warmer weather. They also have online ordering available.

"Coffee is popular. Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts is booming. If you go to any town around Pittsburgh, there are coffee shops on every corner. People like to have something unique in the area they live, they like the hominess of the small coffee shops," Tommy says.

"What's nice is that every coffee shop in the county basically does something different and offers something different. So, while you're overlapping in coffee, it's still different, with different coffee flavors doing our individual things."

Morning Rush

Morning Rush, located along Route 21 on the west side of Waynesburg, opened the summer of 2023. Opening a coffee shop had always been a dream of his, and when the 2020 pandemic hit, Duane decided that it was time to start working towards that dream over the next couple of years. "I knew the area would support it," Duane says. "They had a need for it."

In addition to their coffee, Morning Rush offers refresher drinks, something that isn't common in the area's other shops. They pride themselves on a great product and their personal connection with their customers.

"We have such a personal connection with our customers," Duane says. "We like to joke and have a great time, and they do as well. There's nobody that comes here that we don't talk to on a personal level."

Morning Rush recently closed their Tollgate Road location to prepare for a move to the West Greene area. They've leased the former Community Bank along Rt. 21 and are opening there soon. The new location allows them to expand their hours, have a covered drive-thru and offer new menu items. The new location will also let them keep that personal



Morning Rush started as a mobile coffee joint on Tollgate Road and will be moving to a new location in West Greene this spring.

connection with their customers no matter the weather. "I feel bad when people are standing out there in inclement weather, and I'm trying to hurry. With the drive-thru, they'll be in their cars out of the weather. I can still be as personal as we want to be."

Once in the new location, he hopes to be able to provide jobs for students that allow them to earn some money and work around their school schedules. He also hopes to create a scholarship-type program for these students. While it's still in the planning stages, he hopes to reward these employees with a scholarship or bonus that will help offset the costs of going to school. They've also been involved in other community fundraising endeavors.

"I think that people saw there was a need to get away from the corporate stores and provide good customer service with a good product. I think they're looking for exactly what we offer," Duane says. "Which is, number one, a good product. Because without a good product, it doesn't matter how good your smile is or how good your conversation is, they're not coming back if it's a bad product. And number two is the personal relationship. It's a driving force."

RGB Coffee

Ben McMillen isn't a stranger to small business. Over the years, he's operated multiple small businesses in the area. What started as a side hustle for [...continued on page 12](#)

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...continued from page 11 Ben during the pandemic grew into a full-time business – Hilltop Packs. He opened a location on East Greene Street in Waynesburg, and then added a coffee roastery. What started off as Ben's curiosity about coffee roasting, grew into a business and became successful. And that's when he decided he wanted to open his own coffee shop.

Before opening his own shop, Ben visited every small coffee shop he could find. He wrote down what he liked about each shop and took all the good parts of every place he visited to create a business plan. When the location along Washington Street became vacant, Ben was prepared to begin the task of creating his ideal shop.

"We tried to create an eclectic space that could only exist here," Ben says. "We have a local history wall. We have local artists on the walls. All the chairs are different. We have a free book nook. We have a great staff. I just wanted it to feel like this is our coffee shop."

The biggest draw of RGB Coffee, and what sets them apart from other local cafes, is that they roast their own coffee. Roasting their own gives them total control of all the coffee they serve. They also make their own pastries. Their bagels are shipped in from a place in New York. Online ordering is available on their website, as well as instant ordering at their tables via QR code. Eventually, in the spring, they plan on offering delivery, as well.

"I think there's more of an opportunity in small towns than people realize if you can do it right. If you treat people right and give them a good product, and give them something they can be proud of, they'll support you."

Ben hopes to foster a sense of collaboration with other local small businesses. He carries products from local artisans in the shop. "We try to focus on as much local stuff as we can. I

try to practice what I preach. And I try to tell everybody with a small business – if you're going to have a small business in a small town, and you're going to yell about supporting small business, you better go out and support small business yourself."

And he hosts a business owner meet-up at RGB Coffee weekly (see Facebook for dates/times). "Anybody that wants to come down and collaborate, and work together, and share ideas is welcome. We help each other out, whether we're directly collaborating on something special or just sharing ideas with each other. It's been very helpful."

"I wish business owners would support each other more. I'm hoping that the Thursday night get-together will get people doing that," Ben adds.

Each of these area coffee shops maintains their individuality through atmosphere and specialties. While obviously offering coffee, they each provide something that the others do not in a unique atmosphere. And it's the atmosphere that really draws people in again and again.

"It's 100% experience. When you walk in, it's not even really about the coffee anymore. Obviously, the coffee has to

be good, but it's about the experience," Ben McMillen says. "If the person doesn't enjoy their time here, they won't come back. They're not coming in and buying a cup of coffee they can make at home just because it's that much better. They're coming in because it's part of the experience."

Wherever you may find yourself in the area, know that a place where you can work, socialize and enjoy a delicious cup of coffee isn't too far away.



Good NEWS

In Greene County

Hometown Heritage Scholarship Winners Announced at Banquet

The 2023 GreeneScene Hometown Heritage Boy and Girl of the month \$1,000 Rudy Marisa Scholarship winners were announced in January: Chloe Mitchell, Carmichaels High School, and Jase Bedillion, Jefferson Morgan High School. Congratulations, Chloe and Jase!



Waynesburg U.'s Online Counseling Program Ranked as a Top Program

Waynesburg University's Master of Arts (M.A.) in Counseling program ranked as one of the Best Online Master's in Counseling Programs of 2024 by BestColleges.

The University's M.A. in Counseling was ranked among ten online programs recommended by BestColleges for mental health professionals looking for more opportunities or those with a bachelor's degree looking for a meaningful career change.

"We are extremely pleased to receive this distinction," Dr. Devon Bowser, dean of graduate and professional studies and director of graduate counseling programs said. "Waynesburg University is dedicated to offering graduate counseling programs that meet the evolving needs of the counseling profession. Students in our Master of Arts in Counseling program benefit from innovative and student-centered learning led by faculty with strong clinical experience. Our program strives to provide hands-on, rigorous education that is accessible and affordable for a diverse student body."

BestColleges' method for ranking incorporates affordability, student outcomes, flexibility/accessibility, ease of admissions, reputation, and student diversity into their ranking system based on their College Choice and Admission Survey. Data is collected from the National Center of Education Statistics and the College Scorecard.

Waynesburg University's M.A. in Counseling is a 60-credit program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) of the American Counseling Association (ACA). The program is offered 100% online, in a traditional classroom, or in a hybrid setting, and can be completed in less than two years. Students can concentrate on two areas of study: clinical mental health counseling or addictions counseling. Students can also specialize in Christian and spiritual counseling.

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Recent Events in Greene & Nearby

Greene County Motorcycle Swap

The annual Greene County Motorcycle Swap Meet was held Sunday, February 4 at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Waynesburg. The annual event held the first Sunday in February brought attendees to the fairgrounds to swap parts, check out used motorcycles and dirt bikes, and explore the many vendors offering motorcycle accessories, art, leather goods, clothing, and more. Proceeds from the event benefited the American Cancer Society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arts & Music Along the River



Treehouse Tragedy performs at the MVAA Brownsville location.



Students attend a Pint 'n Sip at the MVAA Brownsville location.

The Mon Valley Academy for the Arts in Brownsville held a variety of musical and art events through the end of January and into February. Paint and Sip events featured romance and springtime paint sessions, sponsored by Rivers of

Steel Arts. The painting events included a Mamma and Me and couples painting days. On January 26, they held a local music and comedy showcase, with standup by Carle E. Anderton, and music by Treehouse Tragedy and Charles Heiser. Anderton returned the following night to open for musician Gary Antol's concert. Other events for the month included weekly drawing lessons, an open house for new Spanish classes, and the Sam Bill Legacy Band winter concert in Hiller.

Ribbon Cutting for Bud Cook's New Office



The Greene County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted an official ribbon cutting ceremony for Pennsylvania Representative of the 50th District, Bud Cook's new office location on Hargus Creek Road.

On Wednesday, January 24th, Representative Cook, and his Chief of Staff Rachel Willson were joined by staff, township employees and local dignitaries to share in the celebration commemorating the opening of third office location within the 50th District.

Greene County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melody Longstreth welcomed those in attendance. A few of those in attendance to spectate the cutting were employees and supervisors of Center, Morris, and Richhill Townships. The event featured remarks from Greene County Commissioner Jared Edgreen, Ronda Craig of the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission, superintendent at West Greene School District Brian Jackson, and representative Cook himself. After the official cutting of the ribbon, those in attendance had the opportunity to converse, ask questions and learn more about the new office and his plans and goals set for the future.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is honored to participate in welcoming this new office location in the 50th district as well as any new offices or business to our area.

For more information contact Rachel Willson at (724) 929-2660, or via email at rwilson@pahousegop.com

Art Exhibit Opens at WU Gallery



Colleen Nelson and Thomas Rush at her art exhibit this February.

On February 5, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the opening reception of the Waynesburg University Fine Arts Department's first exhibition of the year was held, showcasing the work of local Greene County artist Colleen Nelson.

"With a little help from her friends," Colleen Nelson has been documenting life in Greene County for 44 years through her visual art and writing. And she's a longtime member of the GreeneScene family, writing the immensely popular "I Love This Place" and "GreeneScene of the Past" features.

Colleen started an annual calendar in 1979 featuring local scenery and residents. By 1983, the first coffee shop in Waynesburg was selling them. The calendars have continued to be an annual tradition and can be found in shops around the county.

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Spring Open House also brings discounts on supplies like New Holland & Massey Ferguson oil, baler twine, net wrap and silage wrap, wire, fence supplies and more. And you

can't find a better source of livestock feeds, supplements and show supplies than Knight's, including Weavers, Purina, Nutrena, Moormans and Kalmbach feeds.

Knight's is well stocked on all farm and garden supplies including seed potatoes, vegetable seeds, all types of fertilizers and tools. Knight's is a full line Muck Boot & Dryshod dealer, too - with all styles and sizes for the whole family, even the Dryshod Megatar boots for coal miners.

"Many people take advantage of the deals and plan to purchase during Open House," says Missy Knight, "But our efforts don't end there. Our customers expect a high level of service, and we take pride in our ability to accommodate their needs all the time - especially during their peak seasons. We strive to keep our inventory of equipment, parts, and supplies ready for their needs all year. The Open House is just our chance to say thank you to our loyal customers and meet the next generation, Landry Blake and his little sister Kollins... Please come and enjoy it!"

This year is the first year that the Open House will be held without the support and guidance of owner Jerry Knight, who passed away this year, although he will be there in spirit. He was an integral part of the business and operated Knight's for 47 years.

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The Seed to Supper program was created by Master Gardeners in Oregon and adopted by the Penn State Master Gardeners in 2020. The program has been updated to reflect the climate, soil etc. unique to Pennsylvania.

Eva K. Bowlby Library and the Corner Cupboard Food Bank work with Penn State Master Gardeners to sponsor the program. The program is free for students. Please plan to attend all six classes. Registration is mandatory as educational materials are supplied. To apply, call the Bowlby Library, 724-627-9776, or Corner Cupboard Food Bank at 724-627-9784. You can also contact the Penn State Master Gardeners of Greene County at the Extension Office, 724-802-8025.

Vendors Wanted

The Mason-Dixon Historical Park is looking for local crafters and vendors to set up during the annual ramp dinner on April 27, 2024 from 9am to 2pm. Contact Park Superintendent Angela Hinerman at mdpark@monongaliacounty.gov or call 304-879-4101 for more information.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Join the Masontown Brethren Church on Saturday, March 23 at 11am for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Children age 12 & under are free, and adults are \$5. Pictures with the bunny, Easter treats for all the kids, and Easter crafts. To register or for more information, call 724-433-3028. Seating is limited so reserve your spot early.

2024 Electronics Recycling Dates

The Greene County Electronics Recycling events will be held on May 15 and September 18 from 2pm to 6pm at the Greene County Fairgrounds. There is no cost for most electronics, including full screen TVs, CRT-style TVs, cell phones, cameras, computer monitors, printers, scanners, etc. There is a \$25 charge for freon appliances, such as refrigerators, dehumidifiers, and water coolers. There is a potential fee for broken TVs. Call 724-852-5300 for more information.

Youth Fishing Derby

On April 21 there will be a Youth Fishing Derby at the Waynesburg Sportsmen's Association Pond. The event is from 8am to 11am, with check-in at 7:30am. The event is FREE and for ages 16 and under. The event is being planned and organized by JM RLL students Eli Taylor, Cera Jamison, and Alaina McCollum. You must pre-register by emailing jfulks@jmsd.org.

New Greene County Horse Club

A new Greene County Horse Club kicked off with a meeting February 14. To join you just have to be interested in horses; you don't have to own a horse to participate. Although you may have missed the meeting, the club is interested in recruiting new members and you can reach out to Kara Jones by texting 412-494-8159 or emailing greencounty4horseclub@gmail.com. You can sign up online at <https://4h.zsuite.org>; FMI on how to enroll via zsuites, contact Dulcie at djc6764@psu.edu.

Spring Craft Show

The Annual Spring Craft Show on March 16 from 9am to 3pm at the Jefferson Morgan MS/HS gymnasium. There will be a Bunny Hop from 12pm to 1pm, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The event is looking for vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor, email alyharris555@gmail.com or jfulks@jmsd.org.

Work From Home with Dom Care

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging's Domiciliary Care Program (Dom Care) is seeking individuals to open their homes to become a Dom Care provider in Fayette, Greene, and Washington counties.

Dom Care is a unique program through the Area Agency on Aging that may offer job seekers a full-time, work-from-home position with monthly compensation.

The 2024 monthly stipend rate for a Dom Care provider is \$1294.16 per individual. Providers may become certified through the Area Agency on Aging to house up to three individuals in their home. Anyone who has a caring heart and the desire to help others in need by opening their home should contact the Agency for more information. Dom Care is a community living, family style, housing program. Dom Care Providers open their homes to people aged 18 and older who cannot live independently due to physical, mental, or age-related impairments.

Dom Care Providers are responsible for transportation to and from appointments, set up/ supervision of medications, laundry, preparation of healthy meals, and making sure individuals needs are met.

Individuals that utilize the Dom Care program have often stated that they feel like part of the family and have even attended vacations with the Dom Care Providers.

To apply to become a Dom Care provider, or for more information on the Dom Care Program, contact the Domiciliary Care Program at (724) 489-8083, ext. 4612, or call 1-800-411-5655.

Chamber of Commerce Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Annual Educational Fund Scholarship was first awarded in 1991. It's open to any Greene County Graduating Senior. The individual chosen is selected by a panel of qualified judges and will be given a \$1,500 scholarship as well as a laptop compliments of PCsquared. The winner is selected based on an essay of a given topic.

The Dr. Nancy Davis Memorial Leadership Scholarship is a \$1,500 scholarship presented to an individual of any age that's seeking to continue their education and expand their leadership skills. The deadline for both applications is no later than midnight on April 1st. The winners will be announced in early May, and the award for the Educational Fund Scholarship will be presented at the Chamber's monthly general membership luncheon in May at Waynesburg University.

Top-scoring applicants may be interviewed before a panel of judges as part of the process. For an application or more information, call the Greene County Chamber of Commerce at 724-627-5926 or visit www.greenechamber.org.

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The Waynesburg University Department of Fine Arts ill present "Blood Brothers", a musical. The musical will take place March 20 to 23 at 7:30pm in the Goodwin Performing Arts Center.

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MCDONALD'S

When Kathy Santonastasso started working for McDonald's in 1980 as a crew member, she did not know where it would lead her. She loved being a part of the company and, taking advantages of the many opportunities for growth, began working her way through the company. After spending time as a General Manager, Training Consultant, and Operations Consultant, Kathy and her husband John bought their first two McDonald's in 2016, both in Waynesburg. They now own a total of 15 restaurants throughout the Pittsburgh area.

McDonald's isn't just about selling food - they also give back to their employees and communities. The Santonastasso's McDonald's support local school districts and athletic organizations, Summer Reading at local libraries, Waynesburg University, and much more. Through programs like MAC Grants for Teachers, McTeacher nights, and Arch Support, thousands of dollars are donated to local schools and charities.

They also pride themselves on being an employer of choice. As a McDonald's Franchise Organization, Santonastasso Enterprises employs 750+ local residents in part-time crew and full-time career positions. Their employees are eligible for \$2,500/year college

scholarships, tutoring, career counseling, and educational support through McDonald's exclusive education program Archways to Opportunity. "It's a comprehensive education strategy that helps employees reach their full potential no matter where they are on their journey," Kathy says.

"We're a family-run business, and our vision for our business is running great restaurants by taking care of the customer and our people, building a thriving and sustainable business," Kathy shares.

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CHROME FCU

CHROME FCU Launches Partnership to Help Members in their Financial Wellness Journey

CHROME Federal Credit Union has announced a new benefit for members through a partnership with GreenPath Financial Wellness, a leading national non-profit organization.

This new partnership will ensure members have access to free financial tools including one-on-one financial counseling, articles, webinars, worksheets, budgeting tools, and more.

"By forging this partnership, we are able to help our members make informed decisions around their finances," says Robert Flanyak, CHROME's President & CEO. "Especially in today's economy with rising prices and inflation, these tools can help our members build the resilience they need to persevere and hopefully thrive in their financial future!"

Through the partnership, members will have access to NFCC-certified financial counselors, who will empower them to eliminate financial stress, get out of debt, increase savings, and achieve financial goals.

CHROME's goal? To fulfill the credit union's mission of serving their neighbors by helping them on a path to a financially healthy future.

"CHROME FCU now has access to caring, judgment-free counseling that strengthens financial wellness at every step of the financial journey," said Kristen Holt, President & CEO, GreenPath Financial Wellness.

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Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

Greene County's First National Championship Team

For almost two decades, the Mather Marauders of the UMWA Local 6151 were one of the most dominant teams of the old Tri-County Baseball League. In the 1920s and 1930s, the Marauders and Nemaocolin competed almost annually for the league title. Lefty George was the superintendent of the Mather Mine and served as the league's president. The other Greene County teams in the league were Jefferson, Rogersville, Bobtown, and Crucible.

The Marauders were tough men who toiled underground in horrible conditions. Playing baseball provided an escape from the danger and drudgery of their daily lives. This

was literally true on the afternoon of May 19, 1928. The team left work early at 2:00 p.m. for a game against Bobtown. At 4:07, the mine exploded 350 feet beneath the surface, killing 196 men in one of the deadliest mining accidents in history.

Six years later, the team would rise from that tragic event to claim a National Baseball Federation Championship in Chicago. That season, the team played four games a week, including a big Sunday game. Early in the season, one of the Sunday games was an exhibition against the Homestead Grays. That team featured future Baseball Hall of Famers Cum Posey and Buck Leonard. They finished

first that season in their Negro League Conference. Two thousand people were treated to a tremendous game which the Grays won 3-2 in extra innings.

The Marauders featured local legends such as Chuck Cole, Sr. and Budget Tustin on the mound. Big Steve Yorko, a 6'3", 230-pound first baseman provided homerun power from his first base position. Delmont Blue would be brought in from Brave for big games. Blue was widely considered to be the best all-around player in the County.

After winning the 1934 league title, the Marauders entered the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - Spalding Tournament, which included 240 clubs from the area. In their first preliminary-round game, the Marauders snapped the Johnstown Johnnies 29-game winning streak with an 18-4 victory. The team then rented a bus to head to the main tournament at Pittsburgh's Frick Park. They added Hart McNeely to the roster to drive the bus. He wasn't a great player, but he was known as the best sign-stealer in the Tri-state area.

The team dispatched the Book Shoe Nine, Leechburg Olympics, and Earnest

on their way to the finals, where they faced Parmalee Cab. Over 5,000 people were in the stands to watch the championship game. Parmalee Cab had a roster filled with former major league players and was heavily favored. They literally had their bags packed in the company cabs that were waiting at the field to take the players to the national tournament in Chicago.

Chuck Cole gave up two runs in the first inning but settled down and shutout the Cabbies the rest of the game. The Marauders won the berth for the national tournament after a 4-2 victory. I found no game results from the tournament in Chicago; however, the celebrations that followed the team's triumphant return from the Windy City were well-documented. There was a "splendid banquet" held at the Fort Jackson Hotel in Waynesburg, and the Mather Orchestra provided the evening's entertainment.

Other than the Waynesburg College football team's N.A.I.A. title in 1966, this remains the only national title in our history.

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



Although no photo of the Mather Marauders was available, this is an image of a UMWA team in West Virginia during the same era. (WVU Libraries)

BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE MONTH



Robbie Wilson-Jones is the son of Dottie and Dave Jones of Carmichaels. Robbie is a junior and carries a 4.5 GPA. He plays basketball, baseball and football for the Mighty Mikes and travel baseball for the Pittsburgh Diamond Dawgs. Robbie is a member of the Leo Club, and he is involved in the Big Brother program. He is highly involved in Greene County 4-H and loves to hunt and fish. After high school, Robbie plans to attend college and play baseball.



Duski Staggers is daughter of Jake Staggers and Lisa and Nathan Kyle. She is a member of the Mikes' softball, and basketball teams, the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Students in Action. Duski is also the president of the Junior Standing Committee. She maintains a 4.625 grade point average. In her free time, she loves to play sports and hangout with family and friends. Her plans include attending college.



Daniel Huffman is the son of Charlie and Tina Huffman of Waynesburg. He is a three-year letter winner on the Raiders' football and wrestling teams. He is also captain of the wrestling team. He is on the honor roll and a member of the National Honor Society. Outside school, he likes spending time with his friends and family, attending church, and working to be the best person he can be. His plans include attending Waynesburg University to obtain a degree in nursing and be a member of the wrestling team. He wants to give thanks to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Taylor Sibert is the daughter of Todd and Amy Sibert of Waynesburg. She is a member of the Raiders' soccer, basketball, and softball teams. Taylor is a four-year letter winner in soccer, two-year letter winner in basketball and a three-year letter winner in softball. She is a member of ski club, Spanish club, Alpha/Beta, prom committee, Future Business Leaders of America, and the National Honor Society. She has also served as treasurer for the ski club for the past two years. Her plans are to attend Penn Commercial to study cosmetology in the fall.



Grant Hathaway is the son of Dave Hathaway and Gretchen Brandstetter of Clarksville. He is a senior member of the Rockets' golf, wrestling and baseball teams. He is a member of the Envirothon, the principal's Advisory Council, and the broadcast journalism program. His future plans are to attend a school to train as a barber.



Jenna Cyr is the daughter of Kenin and Ashley Cyr of Clarksville. She is a senior captain of the Rockets' cheer squad and a member of the softball team. Jenna is a member of the Spanish Club, Envirothon, and Science Olympiad. She is the secretary of the National Honor Society and president of the student council and Leo Club. After school, she volunteers for roadside cleanups and other school events. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in the medical field.



Gavin Cassiday is the son of Butch and Stephanie Cassiday of Holbrook. He is a sophomore member of the Pioneers' band. In addition, Gavin was a 2023 Homecoming escort and is a member of the playoff-bound boys basketball team. He has also been inducted into the National Honor Society and serves as the sophomore class vice president.



JLin Scott is the daughter of Jody Scott and granddaughter to John and Bonnie Scott of Graysville. She is a junior and participates in cheerleading and rifle. She attends the Cosmetology program at Greene County CTC. JLin and her teammates have qualified for the WPIAL Rifle Championships, and she hopes to medal at individuals and return to the state tournament this year.



Gavin Barton is the son of Thomas and Kimberly Barton of Greensboro. He is a senior letterman who has played basketball for the Maples for four years. Gavin is talented at the piano and has been playing for the past eight years. In his free time, he enjoys working out and working on cars. After graduation, Gavin plans to pursue a career in aviation.



Marley Shiflett is the daughter of Matthew and Erika Shiflett of Greensboro. She is a sophomore and has lettered in both basketball and softball. Marley maintains a 4.5 GPA and is in the National Honor Society. In her free time, she enjoys playing softball any chance she gets. When she's not on the field, she can be found at home with her brother Ross and her parents binge watching TV shows or movies.



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VOICES FOR INDEPENDENCE

In December, Voices for Independence/TRPIL held a grand opening event for their new program and community center, located at 42 West Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301. With each organization having served individuals with disabilities for over 30 years, they are looking forward to offering even more support to Western Pennsylvanians, together. Headquartered in Erie, PA, Voices for Independence is a Center for Independent Living (CIL), offering a wide variety of disability-related services and resources. Now affiliated with TRPIL, a fellow CIL who are headquartered in Washington, PA, Voices for Independence is bringing additional services to the southwest region of Pennsylvania.

"We're beyond excited to finally be open and available to the public, in the way that we have intended for so long," said Steve Johnson, Director of Marketing for both organizations. "Voices for Independence began an affiliation with TRPIL back in late 2019, who had already been working hard to get the former YWCA building renovated for years prior. "To see it come to fruition has been nothing short of rewarding for staff, donors, and the community alike."

While TRPIL still provides individuals

with disabilities with services such as assistive technology, skills training, peer counseling, advocacy, transition, and information & referral, Voices for Independence offers support in regard to in-home care, nursing home transition, and home modifications. Johnson explained, "We want to become your number one disability resource. Whether you're interested in receiving services, looking for a job as a caregiver, or if you simply want to learn more about what we provide to our community, we want you to think of Voices for Independence." In addition to the aforementioned services, employment services are also available for those looking to either join or re-enter the workforce. Individuals even have the option to access the internet and utilize computers in the building's UPMC Health Plan Internet Caf  space.

Johnson went on to note that there is no cost to take part in nearly any activity or to meet with staff to learn more. "We are now offering activities regularly at the new Washington location. Every week, we have activities such as cooking class, which is held in a new, fully-accessible kitchen area. We also have movie days, to promote socialization. There's even a fully accessible gym inside our new UPMC Health Plan Wellness Cen-



Voices for Independence/TRPIL CEO, Shona Eakin (Front Center), holds the ceremonial grand opening scissors, flanked by dignitaries/speakers (L-to-R): Longtime supporter of the organization, Ed Morascyzk, Former PA State Representative and longtime supporter of the organization, Leo Trich, Peters Township Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Amy Petro, UPMC for You President, John Lovelace, Business Owner and Peters Township Chamber of Commerce board member, Missy Harding, longtime supporter of the organization, Bracken Burns, and members of PA State Representatives Natalie Mihalek & Guy Reschenhaler's offices.

ter, which is a large upgrade from the previous space at our former location." Individuals with disabilities can meet with dedicated personal trainers and begin exercising using adaptive equipment. "This is all available to the public-- if you have a disability and are interested in learning more about what we can do for you, please contact us today."

The new program and community center is fully accessible, allowing for individuals with disabilities to easily visit and take a guided tour throughout the building, meet with staff, and attend functions. To learn more about Voices for Independence or to schedule a visit, visit www.vficil.org or call (724) 223-5115.



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Prompt Quality Painting has always been an innovative company, adapting their techniques to meet clients' changing needs. In 2023, PQP opened their design studio in Waynesburg. A visit to the studio provides a firsthand look at multiple design options, including faux finishes, paint choices, and other design choices. You'll also find local artists' artwork, and a training center for both clients and community members. You can even see a rendering of your possible space based on your design choices.

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NovaCare Rehabilitation is dedicated to providing an exceptional and positive patient experience that improves the patient's quality of life. No matter the need, NovaCare has a program to help you throughout your healing journey. Physical therapy, hand therapy, occupational therapy, aquatic therapy, sports medicine, and specialty services such as the recently introduced pelvic health therapy program.

Introduced in April 2023, the pelvic health physical therapy program helps individuals affected by pelvic floor dysfunction (PFD). Pelvic floor dysfunction can cause multiple issues, affecting bladder, bowel, sexual organs, and more. And while many associate these problems with women, they can affect men and children, also—the program helps everyone suffering from these issues. If you're suffering from urinary issues such as urgency, frequency,

pain, incontinence; bowel issues such as incontinence, constipation, irritable bowel syndrome; pelvic pain during intimacy; prolapse, postpartum, menopause, endometriosis, or painful periods; or other pain, pressure, or muscle issues in the pelvic region, this program may be the right fit for you.

Cassandra L. Tworzydlo, PT, DPT heads the program offered at the Waynesburg location. She often works with local doctors to help patients get the care they need. While



Cassandra L. Tworzydlo, PT, DPT

you can visit your doctor and get a prescription for the pelvic health physical therapy program, Cassandra suggests reaching out to her to see if the program is right for you.

NovaCare Rehabilitation offices are located in Waynesburg; if you are interested in the program and need more information, or would like to request an appointment, visit novacare.com or call 724-627-9489.



CORNERSTONE CARE

Welcome to Honey! A Sweet Approach to Healthy Living

Cornerstone Care Community Health Centers introduced our HONEY program (Healthy Options, Nutrition, Exercise, and Youth) in 2021 to bring a variety of services to all five Greene County School Districts and Blueprints that encourage a healthy lifestyle. Since then, the program has grown to serve over 200 students and expanded to include 50 adults who are all embarking on a transformative journey toward wellness in Greene County. Our goal is to not only make healthy choices accessible but also desirable and fun.

The passion behind Cornerstone Care's HONEY program is to help our community integrate health habits into daily life. At Cornerstone Care, we understand that wellness is not one-size-fits-all, and the HONEY team is here to walk this path with you. Our HONEY initiative is led by Dillion Shields, Honey Program Coordinator, and Gina Mankey, HONEY Program Specialist. Both Dillion and Gina believe that embracing a healthy lifestyle is not just important but is essential for achieving total wellness. Dillion shares

that, "Adequate sleep, proper diet, exercise, mental health and much more all add up to a healthy lifestyle. Through Cornerstone Care's HONEY program, this lifestyle can be met. HONEY is here to help with healthy options, nutrition, exercise, and the youth. A program that will accommodate everyone to the best of their abilities." This program is designed to fit the needs of individuals ages 12 years and older without compromising daily routines because the HONEY program fits seamlessly into your life.

The HONEY program guides you into healthier eating habits. To support this initiative, a registered dietitian, is available to all participants, offering guidance and helping children and adults navigate their nutritional journey. And because we know that a hands-on learning experience provides the most lasting impact, we offer free cooking classes to all program participants, where they will learn to whisk, chop, and sizzle their way to skillful, health-conscious eating that is family-friendly and easy on the budget.

We also recognize that exercise is a cornerstone of a healthy lifestyle, offering a multitude of benefits for both body and mind. It's not just about staying in shape; it's about boosting your mood, enhancing cogni-



tive function, and strengthening your overall well-being. Participants receive a free Fitbit Inspire for a full year to track progress, capture results, and motivate you through each step in your journey to your fitness goals. HONEY also offers free fitness classes- virtually and in person hosted by Dillion and Gina, who are dedicated to making exercise easy and enjoyable for you.

Dillion and Gina host a monthly wellness gathering at the Greene County Fairgrounds where wellness meets the community. This is a free night out, where all HONEY program members and their families can come together to provide support to each other and participate in group exercises, and cooking classes.

When you sign up for HONEY, you gain access to Cornerstone Care's entire network of providers to assist with any medical, den-



tal, or behavioral health needs. To ensure care is always within reach, the Cornerstone Care mobile medical unit visits your students at every Greene County school district regularly, staffed by our skilled clinical team. Services provided during these visits include assessments of height, weight, blood pressure, and other vital signs, as well as depression screenings, and personalized discussions about any health concerns.

If you are ready to live a healthier lifestyle, join our HONEY program where our team is dedicated to supporting you in every step of your wellness journey and celebrating each exciting milestone. Our program is designed to help individuals 12 years of age and older, embark on a healthier way of life. For more information call 267-799-1916 or visit us at www.cornerstonecare.com/honey.



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In Mt. Morris, a quarter of a mile off the I-79 Mount Morris exit, sits Mountain State Waste's Greene County location. From humble beginnings to a multi-state waste management company, Mountain State Waste has come a long way! Founded by West Virginia natives Randie Lawson and J.P. Phillips, this company's growth has been fueled by the trust and recommendations of satisfied customers. Covering West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania, Mountain State Waste is ready to tackle any waste management challenge, whether it's a massive construction project or a simple residential pickup. Choosing MSW means you get the best of both worlds in the waste industry - the expertise of a large company with the personalized service of a local business!

From the scenic mountains to the bustling cities, Mountain State Waste has been a trusted waste collection service for countless customers across the East Coast. Their expertise spans across diverse sectors, whether it's a local mini-mart or a Super Walmart, MSW can handle waste management with precision. What sets MSW apart? Expertise and Experience. MSW has a deep understanding of the Appalachian area in the waste industry and our unwavering commitment to their customers.

"Randie and I established Mountain State Waste with the goal of creating an environmental services company that was specifically designed for West Virginia and the surrounding Appalachian region," says Mountain State Waste's President and co-owner JP Phillips. "We are proud to be from this area and we understand that this region provides

unique challenges in the waste management business that many of our competitors don't understand, especially our large corporate competitors with their out-of-the-box approach to trash collection. Our laser-like focus on your community, West Virginia, and the Appalachian region is what sets us apart from our competitors, who may get distracted with their operations in larger markets."

Along with waste management services, Mountain State Waste also offers waste and recycling audits for local businesses. During these audits, they sort through the waste and see what is being recycled and what is being landfilled and how you can get more out of your recycling solutions. "We offer services to go out to local businesses and do a waste audit right there on site," says Phillips. "We check to see how efficient your waste and recycling services are and whether or not you are getting the most bang for your buck."

MSW additionally services our community with the Greene County, PA Waste Transfer Station. It is open to the public MON- FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 4 PM. This is perfect for bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances, household waste, and construction debris. How it works: Step 1: Pull in with waste in a vehicle, Step 2: Get weighed, Step 3: Unload waste from the vehicle, Step 4: Get weighed again, Step 5: Pay for the weight of waste in your vehicle upon exiting the station.

Additionally, the company has provided free recycling to Greene County and a few of their areas of service. The Mt. Morris location has recycling bins for metals, plastics, papers, and cardboards. The bins



are open from 8am to 4:30pm on weekdays and 7am to 11am on Saturdays.

Community service is a large part of Mountain State Waste's mission. When it comes to community events, Touch-A-Truck events are a top hit and where the magic happens! MSW is thrilled to be part of these beloved events, giving kids the chance to climb aboard the cab of the truck, honk the horn, and discover the wonders of big trash trucks. Seeing those little faces light up is what it's all about for the MSW team! Last year, we attended multiple Touch-a-Truck events throughout all areas we service and are excited to continue these events this year.

When asked why someone should choose Mountain State Waste over other waste management companies, Phillips responded with one word: accessibility. "One thing that we hear from our exist-

ing customers a lot is that we are accessible. When you need to get a hold of us you can reach someone at the office, and you are going to get a solution to your issues and a response to request in less than 24 hours. You can call our offices, and they'll ring right here in Mr. Morris," Phillips says. "You're not going to be sourced out to some call center in the middle of nowhere halfway across the country."

Say goodbye to waste worries and hello to exceptional service! Mountain State Waste is your go-to waste collection solution. From residential, commercial, or industrial, MSW offers hometown passion and personable service all while being local! For more information, you can go to their website at www.mountainstatewaste.com, find them on Facebook at Mountain State Waste, call 866-679-2776 or email info@mountainstatewaste.com.

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Sam is a first grader who has been an enthusiastic participant in the Mindfulness Series. He is excited when the STTARS facilitator comes to his program for lessons and activities. A shy child, who often exhibits anxiety with new situations, Sam has made great strides toward building solid friendships with peers and going with the flow. His teacher reports that Sam has improved his communication with both adults and other children and has been better about expressing himself and appearing confident in trying new things.

Partnering with the Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR), the STTARS Program provides a variety of services within the Greene and Washington County communities to address and prevent sexual violence, with offices in Washington, Waynesburg, and Charleroi. These include counseling services

both in-person and telehealth, legal and medical advocacy, and a 24 hour hotline. Services are designed to empower, educate, and support clients through the healing process. All services are free and confidential. Prevention programming is available for schools, community groups, and professionals on a variety of topics related to sexual abuse, harassment, stalking, and human trafficking.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) takes place in April, and this year's theme is "Building Connected Communities." Communities can be powerful because they create a sense of belonging and remind us of how our beliefs, choices, and actions affect each other. We need to work together to ensure that our communities are safe, inclusive, and make it clear that language and behaviors that promote violence or harassment will not be tolerated.

If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexual abuse, you would like to schedule programming for your school, community group, or workplace, or if you're interested in volunteering to help us stand up to sexual violence in our area, you can call the STTARS Program at 724-229-5007 or 724-627-6108 or visit our website at: www.sttars.sphs.org.



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For the past 26 years, Morris Machinery has been a family-owned and operated business, located in Prosperity, Pennsylvania. What started in 1998 as owner, Rick Morris, selling pre-owned tractors and implements with the help of his father, H.L., has turned into a proud tradition of serving satisfied customers.

"For over 26 years Morris Machinery has serviced the tri-state area," Morris says. "We are proud to have served several satisfied customers over the years."

Since the beginning, Morris Machinery has grown from selling pre-owned tractors to being a fully functioning shop ready to satisfy their customers. Besides offering pre-owned tractors, new and used implements and hay equipment, they now carry three tractor lines – Branson, TYM, and Zetor – boasting an impressive range of options from small utility tractors to heavy duty farm tractors and agricultural machines. These three tractor lines boast durability, strength, and quality, making you productive at your work. Currently, TYM is offering 0% financing over 60 months on select models, as well as 3.99% financing for 84 months on all models.

They also carry a full line of Gravelly Zero-Turn mowers, Stand-on mowers, and Atlas JSV side-by-side vehicles. Gravelly has been shaping the American landscape for over 100 years. Their equipment is designed for comfort and dependability to make sure you get the job done quick and right. Beginning next month, Morris Machinery will be participating in the national Gravelly "Mow the Distance

Sale" from March 26th – April 4th. The sale applies only to the Mowers. Stop in and get a deal on a great mower!

Along with their tractors, Morris Machinery also offers several lines of new equipment from brands such as Sitrex, IronCraft, Del Morino, HLA Attachments, Shaver, and Sunfire. Having this vast array of equipment, Morris Machinery has almost everything you could need to accessorize your tractor and work your farm: mowers, rakes, tillers, blades, graders, pallet forks, prong bale spears, post drivers, heaters, and more. Currently, Morris Machinery is offering an end of season sale on their Sunfire Model 150 Radiant Heater. This no fume heater is great for the shop or the barn to keep your new babies warm as they are born this spring.

Throughout the year, Morris Machinery takes equipment on trade. Once received, they thoroughly inspect and service each of these tractors, so you get the best tractor for your money, new or used. If you're looking to purchase a new tractor and are interested in a trade, reach out to them for more information.

Their service department offers tractor parts and repairs on many makes or models. Whether it's a part, seasonal maintenance, small repairs, or rebuilding an engine, Morris Machinery will get your tractor back to work. Parts Specialist, Marcus King, can help with all your parts needs. Their mechanic, Jordan Kiger, has been a part of the team since 2017 and is a certified diesel mechanic, Kawasaki engine technician, Kohler engine technician,



and has completed Gravelly's Advanced Dealer Certification training. Mechanic, Ben Morris, has been a part of the business nearly all his life. He is a Mechanical Engineer and a Master Mechanic. Mechanic, Ethan Harbarger, is a certified Kawasaki engine technician and has completed Gravelly's Advanced Dealer Certification training. Morris Machinery's talented service team has a combined 26+ years of experience.

"We take pride in our available equipment lines and not only stand behind the name but also use them on our own farms," Morris says. "We value our high level of customer service and look forward to helping you with your equipment needs."

Despite their growth over the last two decades, Morris Machinery remains a family business. Previously, Morris's sister, Rita, was an invaluable business manager and his father was a big part of helping him start the business. 26 years later, family is still vitally important, even through life's changes.

"My dad and I started the business and for eight years my sister was my business manager," Morris says. "Even though some of the family has died off our employees have become family and carry on that tradition to this day."

Joining that family three years ago was Morris Machinery's Business Manager, Christy Barto. Barto has played an important role in the businesses' advertising and finances as well as making sure things are running smoothly. No matter how things have changed, it is the family atmosphere of Morris Machinery that keeps customers coming back.

Morris Machinery is committed to providing high-quality, reliable service to their customers throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Visit them today at 823 Dunn Station Road, Prosperity, PA 15329 or call them at 724-852-1060. Their hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm with weekends and after hours available by appointment. You can also visit their website at morrismachinery.com or email them at [morriss00@windstream.net](mailto:morris00@windstream.net).

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The recently completed \$1.9 million renovation of Carmichaels Clinic represents another step by Centerville Clinics to provide high-quality healthcare to people throughout Fayette, Greene, and Washington counties, regardless of their ability to pay.

Centerville Clinics traces its commitment of service to the late Joseph A. "Jock" Yablonski and a group of coal miners who wanted to bring medical care to the small communities in western Pennsylvania.

Those founders were well ahead of their time, reaching out to help people in rural communities, especially the rural poor and their children. The founders wanted to serve the entire community, not just miners. They wanted to help, regardless of a person's financial situation.

Centerville Clinics opened in 1955, with offices in a farmhouse in Centerville Borough. Carmichaels

Clinic opened in 1961 and will be celebrating 65 years of service in about two years.

Today the Centerville Clinics network includes 13 medical clinics, 5 dental offices, and 10 behavioral health sites located throughout the tri-county area. Two sites are in Greene County: Carmichaels Clinic and the Waynesburg Office.

The transformation of Carmichaels Clinic is extensive. In developing a facility that helps to serve the healthcare needs of the community for years to come, the main medical wing now includes six exam rooms, three doctors' offices, a lab, a social-worker office, workspaces for medical assistants, and a staff lounge. The medical wing includes a negative pressure room for treating patients with respiratory symptoms.

In the behavioral healthcare wing are therapy rooms and a community room.

CENTERVILLE CLINICS

The project included a complete renovation of the exterior. A portico was added. The parking area was redesigned with improved handicapped access and parking, and a refurbished circular driveway, plantings, new signage, and new exterior lighting were added.

"The goal of everything we are doing at Carmichaels Clinic and throughout the Centerville Clinics network is to serve the people in the community," said Barry Niccolai, executive director. "We are accepting new patients at all our locations, and we are continuing to offer convenient appointments."

Niccolai added, "We measure our success by how we help others."

He noted that the hours at Carmichaels Clinic are Mondays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Office hours at the Waynesburg Office, at 1170 Seventh Street, are Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,

and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nationally recognized for excellence in healthcare, Centerville Clinics is a Federally

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Centerville Clinics was named "Best of the Best" in Washington County in each of the past two years and was named a "Best in Fayette" in 2023.

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We weren't always in this building. Back in 1970, John Humble Sr. began steam cleaning homes and had a building near McCrackens Pharmacy just up the road from here. In 1974 John asked the two oldest of his five children to partner with him and open Humble and Sons Carpet. Danny Humble was coming back from a season of playing with the Chicago Cubs and Johnny (Weaser) was fresh out of high-school about to attend Alderson Broaddus University on a full track scholarship. Both sons jumped on board with their father and worked as partners. Nine years later in 1983, they needed to add on to the original building to allow space for the growing business. At that time, we sold paint and wallpaper in addition to flooring.

At the young age of 33, Danny passed away of pancreatic cancer in 1986. People still come into the store and tell us the beautiful memories they have of him whether of hunting, baseball or from church. Weaser later purchased the business from his father in 1992, becoming the sole owner, and to allow his father to "retire". Anyone who knew John Humble knows he was not one to sit still. He was active in his church and community until the day he passed in November 2013.

When Weaser purchased the building, he also changed the name to Humble Carpet and Decorating Center. He then cut back on paint and wallpaper and went back to what we do best - flooring.

Weaser and his wife Rebecca have been married 47 years. Becky earned her Master's Degree in Psychology in 2007 from Waynesburg University, has been active in the business and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. Weaser and Becky have four children, all of whom have worked in the business at one point. The youngest two of the four, Elizabeth (McAllen) and Ben continue to work here presently. Elizabeth earned her degree in International Studies with a concentration in Business at Waynesburg University in 2008. She met her husband, Rob while abroad for an internship at Special Olympics in Sydney, Australia and they have two daughters. Liz currently manages the store and assists customers both residentially and commercially. Ben graduated from Jefferson Morgan in 2007 and married Carmichaels local, Shastina Maraney. They have a son and a daughter. Ben is certified in all areas of flooring installation and special-

izes in bathroom renovations and custom showers. He is active in Waynesburg Borough and also in the Fire Department.

Weaser says he would like to retire soon, and Elizabeth and Ben would like to carry on the family business. Weaser is ready for rest and some fun with his 12 grandchildren. After a lifetime of 12 hour days, evenings and weekends his body is especially ready.

Fifty years this June we celebrate our Humble beginnings. We have people come from over 100 miles away to see our selection and work with a family business who still offer in house installers. We will eventually need to subcontract like the rest of our competition to keep up with today's demands, but for now you can meet our fantastic team of employees and installers and you'll know exactly who to expect on the day of your install.

We thought we were done back in 2020 when the pandemic shut us down, but the love people came to find for the small, local retailer was incredible and kept us going stronger than ever. We love our customers and appreciate their loyalty and business over the years. We truly hope everyone who comes into Humble Carpet and Decorating will feel like family. Receiving the service and quality they require from the moment they walk in our doors to the moment our installers walk out of theirs. We would like to extend a huge Thank you to Greene County and the surrounding areas as we look forward to the next 50 years!



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Whether they are preparing to tear something down or to build it up, they've got you covered. NexGen provides demolition services in partnership with their construction services. If you're ready to build, they can help you with block layout and building erection. They are equipped to handle concrete jobs, from large - like piers and sidewalks - to small, such as ramps and footers. They also will complete sign installations and repairs.

Another area that they specialize in is the oil and gas service. Within this specialty, they cover many different services, including pipeline construction and the different things needed for oil field preparation, including drill pits. They also do some work with the piping and gas line installations. On top of the installation and construction process, they also complete repairs, and they offer 24/7 response and repair.

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NexGen also provides fabrication services. Fabrication is when something is made from raw materials. If you need a part that doesn't exist, NexGen can create the perfect part to fit your requirements. Most of the time fabrication is done with metal materials and they can be cut, assembled, or bent. This process is known as structural fabrication. NexGen does fabrication for pipe work, water manifolds, and chutes. They will take care of the designing process that goes into fabrication - along with the actual forging work with it.

Safety is essential at NexGen, and it's important that every job they complete is done with no risk to anyone's safety. To make sure that everything goes well, the employees receive in depth training, attending training sessions and earning certificates to make sure everything operates safely and smoothly. All the workers are certified from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). They also receive training in first aid, CPR, safe land, and welding. Having a fully trained and knowledgeable staff ensures that safety is the top priority of NexGen Industrial Services when they have a job to do.

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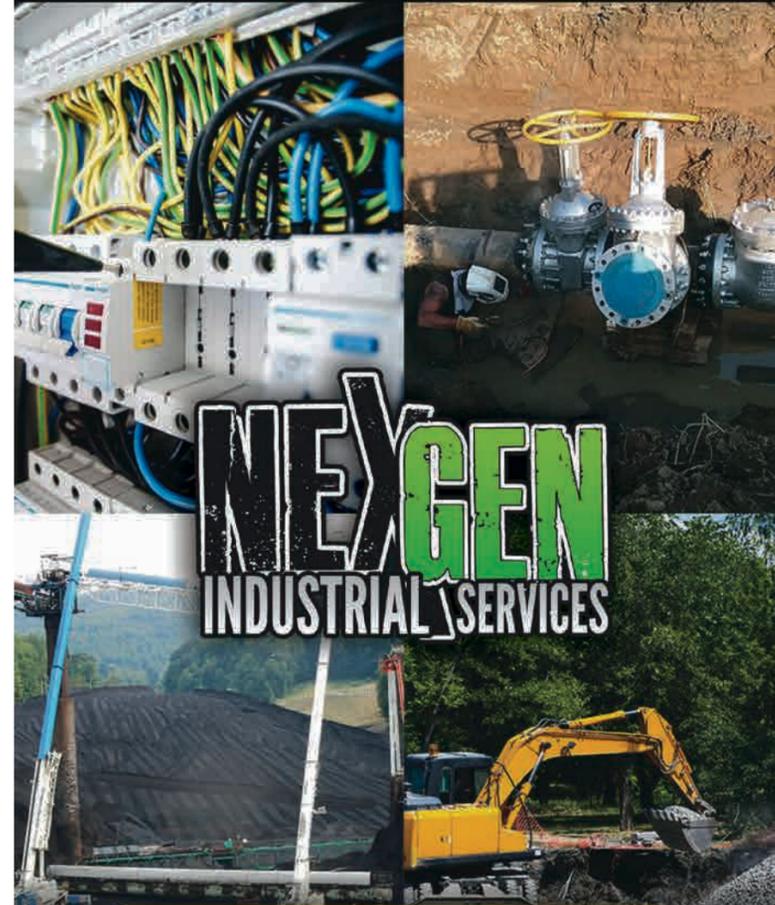
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SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA

Sports. Gym class. Video games. Friends. These are the passions and hobbies of Special Olympic athlete and medalist Shawn Andrews. A resident of Jefferson, PA, Shawn has been a competitor for the Three Rivers branch of the Special Olympics for 10 years.

Shawn's career began when his mother, Riana Berendsen Journic, stumbled across an advertisement announcing the start of an all-new Greene County Special Olympics division. In 2014, at the age of 10, Shawn began his competitive career playing basketball with the local group on the W&J campus. He shares that basketball remains his favorite sport to this day, although, "he likes anything with a ball!"

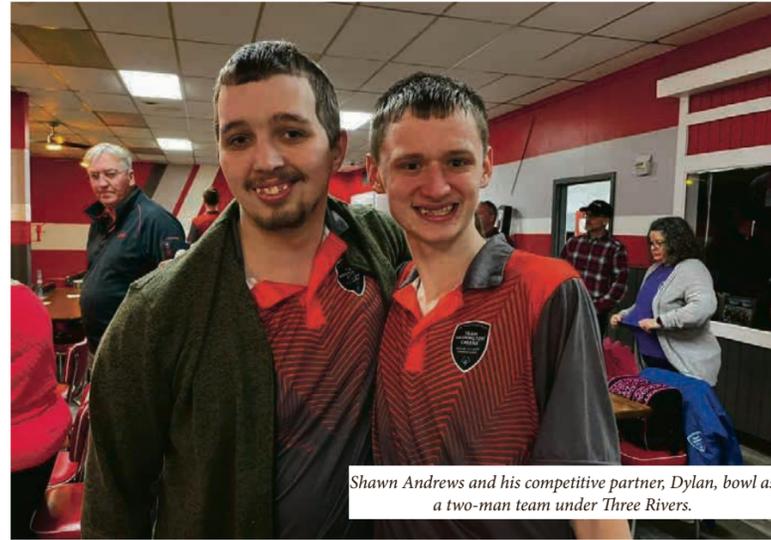
In 2017, the Greene County Special Olympics organization combined to become the Washington-Greene division. "It was small then," Riana remembers, but the organization always made competition as accessible as possible to the athletes, especially financially.

Shawn joined the Washington-Greene Soccer team, eventually securing first place in sectional and state competitions, then advancing to the USA Special Olympic Games in Orlando, Florida in 2022. But getting there

was only half the battle. Shawn remembers that at the last game, after a second overtime, the two teams were tied, and the stakes were high. Players from both teams took a kick, but it was Shawn's kick that made its way into the net and scored, winning the game for his team, and advancing them to the top of the Olympic podium. When asked what he enjoyed most about this special moment, Shawn replies, "That we won kicking it in!" demonstrating great humility and love for his teammates.

Shawn recently became a member of the flag football team, but his most current endeavor is bowling. He and his competitive partner, Dylan, bowl as a two-man team under Three Rivers. At sectionals, Shawn bowled his first ever turkey, or three consecutive strikes. Then the two, along with three other teams, advanced to the state competition this past season. Shawn enjoys the camaraderie of his teammates, and fondly remembers the dinners and Uno games they would enjoy at the hotels. "We have fun; we're never mad!" he says of his relationship with Dylan.

Riana enjoys watching Shawn develop as a young adult throughout his many endeavors. "He talks more than he used to," she says, and Shawn has built numerous relation-



Shawn Andrews and his competitive partner, Dylan, bowl as a two-man team under Three Rivers.

ships with Special Olympic competitors from all around the nation. As a person who has intellectual/developmental delays, Shawn is making leaps and bounds into his passions and personality. Although already graduated from Jefferson-Morgan High School, Shawn still attends half day life skills classes, then spends the afternoon as a Phys. Ed. assistant. "I spend four hours in gym!" he exclaims.

And, as each Olympic sport comes into season, Shawn dedicates one evening a week to training for the upcoming competitions. A passionate athlete with an attitude of togetherness, Shawn Andrews demonstrates what a true team player looks like. And beside the 2020 COVID year, Shawn has advanced to the state level in at least one sport every year since 2015. To quote him, "That was all."

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"It's very rewarding to see how we can help clients in their homes and maintain a healthy environment for them so that they don't have to go into a hospital or skilled care facility," says Toni McNett, Executive Director, and Director of Nursing at Village Caregiving. "Our slogan is 'Keep your heart at home,' and we take pride in providing a high level of care that allows our clients to stay in their homes."

Village Caregiving is looking for community members that would be interested in providing home care and is hiring daily, with pay ranging from \$11 to \$15/hour. "Our caregivers really love working with us. We're very flexible with their schedules and understand the need to have a work-life balance," Toni shares.

For more information, visit Village Caregiving's website at villagecaregiving.com or call 304-241-4980. Toni and her team pride themselves in a quick response to inquiries, so rest easy knowing that someone will respond to your call quickly, ready to help you through a difficult situation with kindness and care.

COMPASSIONATE CERTIFICATION CENTERS

PENNSYLVANIA'S LOCAL LEADER IN LEGAL MEDICAL MARIJUANA CERTIFICATIONS

If you've been noticing an increase of the conversations around medical marijuana recently, it's not a coincidence. According to January's report from the PA Department of Health, more than 436,000 residents are actively certified in Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Program (PAMMP) for treatment of serious medical conditions.

As the program heads into its eighth year since launching in 2016, more than one million PA residents have registered for the program, a number that continues to rise. But it's not always easy or clear for patients how they can take their first steps with the program.

That's where Compassionate Certification Centers — better known to most Pennsylvanians as CCC — comes in. As a physician-owned medical organization, CCC was founded at the genesis of the Pennsylvania MMJ Program and quickly became a leading provider of certifications, having provided services to more than 100,000 patients across the state through its in-office and virtual telehealth appointments.

"Our goal has always been to support and educate patients, and remove any stigma associated with MMJ certifications. We are proud to be ongoing advocates for the PA MMJ community," said Dr. Bryan Doner, Chief Medical Officer and Co-Founder of CCC.

Offering a comprehensive range of services to ensure patients receive the care they need, CCC's team of experienced physicians is dedicated to helping patients find success with the state-led MMJ program. Through its personalized approach, CCC aims to empower patients with the knowledge and resources to make informed decisions about their healthcare.

Patient Advocacy And Compassionate Care

In a recent interview, Dr. Doner shared the CCC team's passion for providing compassionate care and supporting patients on their paths to healing.

"At CCC, our primary focus has always been on patient well-being. We understand the unique questions and challenges that patients face in obtaining legal access to medical marijuana, and we are here to guide them through the process with empathy and professionalism."

The impact of CCC's efforts also extend beyond patient care. Dr. Doner and his team actively

collaborate with industry partners, clinical studies, policymakers, and advocacy groups to drive positive change in PA's medical marijuana landscape. Through their collective efforts, they aim to promote understanding, expand access, and improve the lives of patients who could potentially benefit from medical marijuana.

Dr. Doner also emphasizes the importance of education in the field of medical marijuana, and CCC actively engages in educational initiatives, providing resources to those interested in learning more about Pennsylvania's program and its patient options.

"We believe that education is key to destigmatizing medical marijuana and promoting its acceptance in the healthcare community," said Dr. Doner.

"Patients are reporting tremendous results. It's past due that those who want to access this information and medicine have a better understanding of their options," he added.

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For too long, we've lived through the booms and busts of industries that get rich off our resources before moving on to the next town without cleaning up their messes. A century of coal mining powered our country's growth, but now, the towns that depended on the industry have been left behind. The fracking boom promised a return to prosperity, but fifteen years and thousands of wells later, families, businesses, and communities across Washington and Greene Counties are struggling more than ever.

The Center for Coalfield Justice envisions a different kind of economy for rural communities.

One that doesn't ask residents to sacrifice their health, homes, or environment to succeed. One that holds local governments accountable and funds policies and projects that help everyone. One that brings our corner of Pennsylvania into the 21st century by investing in the industries that are driving progress in the rest of the state and country: renewable energy, technology, outdoor recreation, education, and healthcare.

We're tired of waiting for industry and politicians to make good on their promises. Instead, we're helping residents organize for a future that works for everyone. Join us at www.centerforcoalfieldjustice.org!





True or False: HIV and AIDS are the same. False

In the realm of public health, misinformation can be as detrimental as the diseases themselves. One common misconception that persists is the confusion of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) with AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome). Let's set the record straight: they are not the same.

HIV, a virus that targets the body's immune system, can progress to AIDS if left untreated. However, effective medication, known as antiretroviral therapy, can control HIV, allowing individuals to lead long and healthy lives. Moreover, those undergoing effective treatment cannot transmit the virus to others, a critical fact often overlooked.

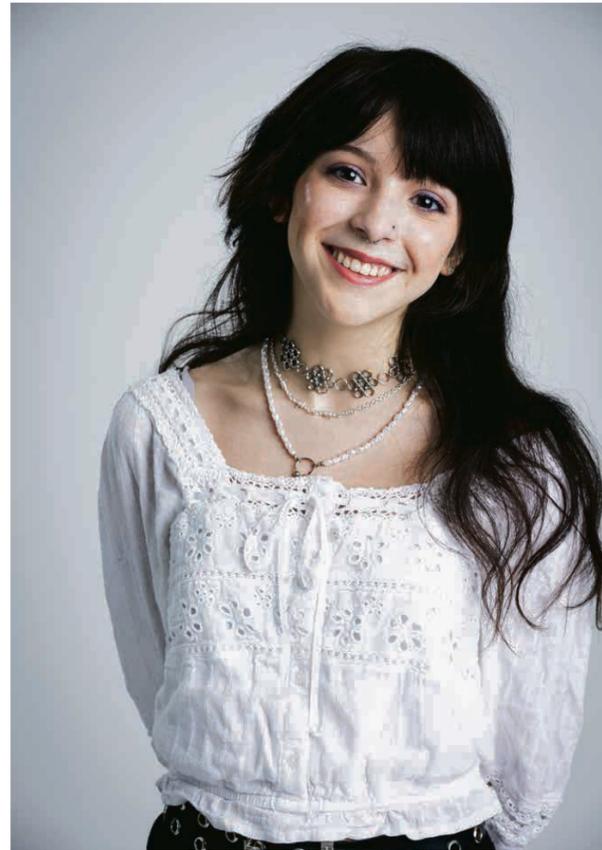
Knowing one's HIV status empowers individuals to take charge of their health and make informed decisions regarding their well-being and that of their partners. Testing for HIV is not only recommended but essential, with higher-risk populations encouraged to test annually or more often.

In Southwestern Pennsylvania, access to HIV testing, treatment, and support services is readily available through healthcare providers and community organizations. For those who prefer privacy, free HIV self-test kits can be conveniently ordered online.

Prevention strategies have seen remarkable advancements, with Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) offering up to 99% protection against HIV transmission when used correctly. PrEP can be used by anyone who is HIV-negative. PrEP can help people to feel more in control of their HIV status, help them achieve their sexual health goals, and have pleasurable sex lives.

However, it's important to note that PrEP does not safeguard against other sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy, nor does it treat existing HIV infections.

For individuals living with HIV, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RW-HAP) offers an array of supportive services, ranging from medical care to financial



assistance, ensuring they can lead fulfilling lives despite their diagnosis. These services include but are not limited to:

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- Home Health Care
- Housing Assistance
- Legal Services
- Linguistic Services
- Medical and Non-medical Case Management
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Mental Health Services
- Oral Health Care
- Assistance with eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Care and Services

To receive these services, a person must:

- Live in Pennsylvania
- Be living with HIV, and
- Have a gross annual income of less than or equal to 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). For example, the individual income limit for a single person is \$72,900. This limit would increase for two or more persons in a household.

The Numbers Tell a Story

Pennsylvania has seen over 63,200 HIV diagnoses since 1981, with more than 27,000 deaths and nearly 36,000 individuals currently living with the disease. In 2021 alone, the southwest region accounted for 121 of the state's 886 new HIV diagnoses.

While strides have been made in reducing new infections and improving care, disparities persist across race, gender, age, and geography. Late diagnoses, occurring within 90 days of the initial HIV diagnosis, remain a concern, as they are linked to poorer health outcomes.

Moving Forward

Education, accessibility, and community support are pivotal in combating HIV/AIDS. Resources like AIDSFreeWesternPA.org and AIDS Free Pittsburgh's social media platforms offer vital information and assistance to those in need.

As we continue our collective efforts, let us remember knowledge is power, and understanding is key in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Together, we can ensure a brighter, healthier future for all.

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The Orchestra has been led by Music Director Dr. Yugo Sava Ikach since 2005. His boundless enthusiasm for his art, his community and his Orchestra family inspire musi-

cians and audience alike at every WSO event.

Now in its 22nd season, the Orchestra performs at the Olin Fine Arts Center on the Washington & Jefferson College Campus (285 East Wheeling Street, Washington, PA 15301), where its regular season concerts are held in the 485-seat theater.

The Orchestra's next concert of the 2023-2024 season is "Fun & Games." Selections include music from Pee Wee's Big Adventure and the Flintstones. Susan Medley will guest conduct, William Cameron will narrate a special piece and the South Hills Children's Choir will sing.



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Volunteers are an integral part of Blueprints' services. We rely on volunteers to deliver over 51,000 nutritious meals each year. Our nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks enable older residents to extend their independence and health as they age.



ACTION EQUIPMENT CENTER

Welcome to Action Equipment Center. We are a woman-owned tractor dealership located on Jefferson Avenue in Washington, PA that opened in the summer of 2015. We provide consumers with high quality lawn and farm equipment, parts, and service. We offer the following mower lines: Cub Cadet, Hustler, Spartan, Husqvarna. Our tractor lines are Case IH Farmall and TYM. We also carry tractor implements from IronCraft and hand held equipment from DeWalt and Husqvarna.

We offer full service and parts for all our tractor lines. We have a fully stocked parts department and offer quick delivery for any parts we do not have on hand. We have trained technicians in our service department that are dedicated to fixing the customer's equipment in a timely manner and making sure it runs like new.

We have several mower lines to choose from. Cub Cadet is our top selling brand. Their excellent quality and handling make lawn care a breeze for their owners. Residential mowers start around \$2,499 up to \$4,899 and deck sizes range from 42" to 54". Their innovative residential zero-turns with steering wheels are the top purchase by consumers. Their price range is from \$3,499 up to

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If lap bars are your "go to" mower, we carry the full line of Spartan mowers. Spartan mowers are heavy-duty high-quality mowers that excel in lawn maintenance. With deck sizes from 42" to 72", you will find the right size for the any job. Prices range from \$4,000 up to \$16,000.

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The Faces of PA Cyber

PA Cyber celebrates individuality and empowers students to pursue their passions and academic goals. Explore the unique stories of individuals at PA Cyber, where students and staff share their educational journeys.

CURRENT STUDENT Aya Batmi, Mechanicsburg



What led you to enroll at PA Cyber? I used to go to a public school. One of my old friends who transferred to PA Cyber told me and my mom about it. And it was a good choice because I can pick my own schedule since I'm at boxing almost every day.

What's your favorite subject? Science.

What do you do after school? I'm mostly at the boxing gym. I'm currently ranked number 3 in the nation [for my weight class] after I went to the junior Olympics and December nationals.

What are your goals for after graduation? My goal is to go to a good college and to not only make it pro in boxing but to go to the 2028 boxing Olympics.

CURRENT STUDENT Ayden Gerlach, Slippery Rock



What led you to enroll at PA Cyber? I do competitive cheerleading, and I travel a lot for competitions. PA Cyber worked best after trying two other cyber charter schools. I can work ahead on assignments so I can focus on practice and my competitions without missing school or being behind on homework.

What's your favorite subject in school? History. I like learning about the past and different events that have shaped the world today.

What are your interests outside of school? Competitive cheerleading and tumbling. I made Top Gun AllStars TGLC last year in Miami, Florida. My team won USASF All Star Worlds last April at ESPN in Orlando. I am currently back on the team this season and traveling back and forth to Miami. I live with a host family when I am down there and during competitions.

What are your goals for after graduation? I want to become an Athletic Trainer and also coach tumbling at Top Gun Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township. I currently work there doing private lessons and classes when I am home from Miami.

ALUM Kayla Collins, Greensburg



What have you been doing since graduating from PA Cyber in 2022? I'm a sophomore at Seton Hill University, with a Biology major and a Psychology minor. I'm a student teaching assistant for our First-Year Seminar course and an Orientation Leader Captain. This month I presented cognitive psychology research as a first author at the Eastern Psychological Association conference in Philadelphia!

How do you think PA Cyber prepared you for this path? PA Cyber taught me that I can handle as much work as I want to. People sometimes tell me I'm involved in too many extracurriculars and that I'll have no time;

I tell them, "There's no such thing as being too involved if it's the level of involvement I want!"

How did you benefit from cyber school? In my previous brick-and-mortar school, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to learn the independence I now have. I chose my schedule, when I submitted my assignments, where I attended class from. PA Cyber helped me create my own independent style of work ethic that I use every single day.

What advice would you give to students? Every day, take steps toward who you want to be for the rest of your life. Each choice you make — whether it's to pay attention in class or sit on your phone instead — plays a small role in where you'll end up in life. Those small roles add up to who you are and who you will be, so start becoming your best self now!

FACULTY MEMBER Matthew Abel, Pittsburgh



What led you to PA Cyber? I started teaching calculus face-to-face about 30 years ago, and about 10 years later I worked for a major online education software company. Then amazingly, PA Cyber chose me to be a teacher. I've been teaching here for about 7 years, and it's been wonderful. The students have made me the best teacher I can be. In fact, I was just nominated for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year because of them.

Why is school choice important? School choice is very important to meet the ever-changing complexities of life. Everybody, including me, has a life that keeps changing, and being able to choose the best educational fit for their lives is important for every student and every family. PA Cyber offers the flexibility and valuable educational opportunity that many students need.

What is your favorite part about being an educator? My favorite part is connect-

ing with students and being able to directly meet their educational needs individually. My students tell me, years after I've had them in class, that they appreciate what I've done for them. And I greatly appreciate what they've done for me. It's fantastic to hear that I've helped them believe in themselves with a growth mindset and achieve their potential.

ACTIVITY LEADER Jane Camp, Midland



Describe your role as Supervisor of Student Events. Since 2004, I have helped students and their families connect within the PA Cyber community. I oversee the Family Link program, which creates learning experiences outside the classroom through field trips and in-person meet-ups. I also help manage our club program, which allows students to meet peers who share similar interests. When students connect, they build a sense of community, pride in their school, and grow as individuals.

What benefits do you see in allowing students to choose their school experience? Increased engagement and motivation, personalized learning, a stronger sense of belonging and community, and preparation for real-world challenges are a few of the benefits that I observe on a daily basis.

What is your favorite part about being an activity leader? I strive to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere and encourage participants to interact with each other. Seeing friendships form and students reunite with their friends on field trips is such a rewarding aspect of my job. I also get to witness learning and growth, which I love. The learning never stops!

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Why Anti-Denominational? A good general divides and conquers. Look at the word "denomination" - nom = name, to nominate is to raise up a name, usually to a position of importance. Nomination is the process of elevating the Name. Denomination is the Adversary's plan to TEAR DOWN the importance of the Name!

Because of the times we are in, Christian Rabbi Mark has become fluent in both Eschatology, the study of end times prophecy and popular misconceptions surrounding it, and Creation Science, the study of how God spoke everything into existence and how the Flood is the best way

to understand history, archaeology and geology in a way perfectly harmonious with Scripture AND science.

If the community can use it, Rabbi Mark hopes to have a Judeo-Christian Bible Study church that celebrates the Sabbaths and observes God's feasts, not man's traditions.

The teaching will be done with movie and audio presentations on Friday evenings after sunset followed by discussion, and Sabbath (Saturday) service with Torah portions (Parashat) linking them to the life of Yeshua in the New Testament. We are a true Church doing what we were told - spreading the Word and His salvation as far as we can.

A library with several sets of encyclopedias, a fast internet connection, and a large theological library will facilitate its use during the week as a home-school resource center.

Interested?

There will be an open house of the Smith Creek Bible Study Hall on Leap Day, Thursday February 29th 2024 at 2600 Smith Creek Rd, locally known as the former Disabled American Veterans hall. Meetings start Friday March 1st.

All are welcome. Questions? ANSWERS. See you then!

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENE COUNTY

Teaching was Robert English's passion. He spent his entire life in Greene County, and for much of that he served as a teacher at Jefferson Morgan High School. He valued education in all areas, and even when he passed away in July 2022, he wasn't done leaving his mark on the youth of Greene County - and their education.

His wife, Mona A. English, and his nephew, Dr. Robert F. English, established the G. Robert English Memorial Scholarship at the Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC) to honor his legacy. "When he passed, we couldn't imagine that he was finished leaving his mark on the young men and women of Greene County who want to better their education, so we decided to establish a scholarship in his name to continue his positive influence," Mona shares. "Our goal was not only to help future students financially with the costs of higher education. The scholarship also serves to remind students to live their lives in service to others much the way Bob did."

The scholarship is awarded annually to a Jefferson-Morgan High School or Carmichaels Area High School senior. Scholarship guidelines for the G. Robert English Memorial Scholarship are available on the CFGC

website <http://www.cfgcpa.org/post-secondary-scholarships/>.

In deciding how to establish the scholarship, Mona, researched different options before deciding to go through the CFGC. Establishing a fund with the CFGC is easy and flexible. You'll consult with a professional advisor, determine who or what will benefit from your endowment, how it will be funded, and the type of fund. "They have been extraordinarily helpful and have made the process very easy and straightforward. They made our goal an easy one to reach, and we are extremely grateful for their assistance in this endeavor," Mona adds.

To make a gift to the scholarship fund in his memory

or endow your own scholarship fund, contact Community Foundation by phone at 724-627-2010, email at cfgcpa@gmail.com or go to our website at www.cfgcpa.org.



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 - Contact Sue Dugan at duganfamily@windstream.net
- EQT Foundation's Energize Your Education Scholarship**
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Providing quality products is the promise that Specialty Herbal makes to all their customers. "The Health Food Store/ Alternative Health industry was created and driven with the motive to provide wholesome natural foods and supplements that are as close to nature as possible. The big food stores and big box chains were taking every short cut to provide cheaper foods and supplements (and still are), resulting in inferior, and even harmful foods and supplements. We are the healthy alternative to the misbranded, nutrient compromised products of that industry. For example, the health promoting effects of herbs are determined by the seed stock used, the soil they are grown in, when they were harvested, what solvents were used in extraction, and how they are dried and stored. It's not something that can be rushed and mass marketed," Brian says. "Our motivation is to get people who have tried inferior products that didn't work to try our products."

Specialty Herbal Products continues to add new products to its existing product line. Their fastest growing supplement line is manufactured

by "Terry Naturally." They make unique vitamin/herbal combination products that go the extra mile. For example, Terry Naturally's Turmeric/Curcumin is made with the most clinically studied, enhanced absorption curcumin in the world, and has been used in over 70 groundbreaking clinical studies. "Terry Naturally" was voted the #1 supplement company by Whole Foods Magazine in 2022. Terry Naturally's Curamin, was voted the #1 pain relief supplement. Their newest supplement line is "Nutritional Frontiers", a Pittsburgh company that is on the forefront of the natural products industry. Their formulations contain some of the top patented natural ingredients in the industry: Traacs chelated mineral, Quatrefolic, Curcuwin, vitaMK7, Lutemax, BioPerine, BioCell Collagen, etc.

Specialty Herbal Products was on the forefront in the COVID-19 pandemic fight, providing numerous vitamins and immune stimulant supplements. As their name implies, "Specialty Herbal Products" are their expertise, and immune enhancing herbal products are some of the most effective immune products in the world. Traditional herbs proved to be very helpful during the pandemic for many cultures around the world. Brian agrees with the FLCCC protocol for Covid-19 prevention, which includes Vitamin D3, Vitamin C, Zinc, Quercetin, Elderberry, Resveratrol and Melatonin. Specialty Herbal Products brought in a number of less known supplements which some Covid-19 protocols and doctors recommended, and many people could not find. These included: Black Cumin Seed Oil, Nattokinase, Lumbrokinase, NAC, and Liposomal Glutathione. If you want sound advice and quality supplements you can trust, stop in and talk to the helpful, knowledgeable staff at Specialty Herbal Products. For more information, visit their website at www.specialtyherbal.com.



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Nestled along the Monongahela River, the W.A. Young & Sons Foundry and Machine Shop is an astonishing industrial treasure from an era when the historic district of Rices Landing operated as an important early industrial town and river port.

In 2017, the Machine Shop was recognized as National Historic Landmark for its unique role as a "small-job" shop, bridging the gap between traditional blacksmith shops of the 1800s and the commercial machine shops of the 20th century.

Built in 1900, the shop produced parts for steamboats, coal mines, railroads, and supported local small businesses. When it closed in 1965, the building was locked with all of its tools and equipment in place—perfectly preserving its line shaft driven, 25-machine network for future generations.

Today, visitors can tour the blacksmith shop, pattern shop, hardware store, and foundry—and marvel as the machines are switched

on during a live demonstration of this turn-of-the-last century technology!

Tours are offered by Rivers of Steel on Sundays, May through November. Tickets and information are available at riversofsteel.com.

The Machine Shop is owned and operated by Rivers of Steel, who also manage the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area and the Carrie Blast Furnaces. Over the last decade, the heritage nonprofit has invested over \$1 million in a four-phase restoration of the historic structure.



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PW AUTO SALES & SERVICE

Providing service to the community for 41 years, PW Auto Sales & Service owner Pat Westich knows his dedication continues to build loyal customers – he's even had customers who have been with him since the beginning.

"The customers keep coming back because they know we're trustworthy," Pat adds. "We aren't pushy when it comes to sales, and we're always open and honest when dealing with them."

PW is a full-service shop, offering towing, mechanical work, tune-ups, brakes, exhaust, oil changes, alignments, bodywork, and auto painting. They're also the only shop in Greene County offering enhanced inspections. Enhanced inspections are needed when a vehicle has been totaled, repaired, and needs retitling. Since 2007, PW has inspected totaled cars and light trucks so people can get back on the road with their vehicles safely and legally.

PW also spe-

cializes in affordable and dependable used vehicles. All vehicles undergo a safety check and come with a basic warranty. An additional warranty through an outside warranty company is also available. If you're worried about financing, PW is partnered with Credit Acceptance for loans. Credit Acceptance is a great company that offers financing to everybody – good credit or bad – to get people in a vehicle while reestablishing their credit rating at the same time.

Notary service is another one of PW Auto's services, and they can handle plate and title work. PW Auto Sales & Service is open Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm, and Saturdays from 8am-12p. FMI, call 724-852-2023 or visit pwautoservices.com.





GREENE COUNTY FOSTER CARE

Seventy-five. That's the number of children who are currently in the Greene County Foster Care system. Of these individuals, only 12 are still residing in Greene County homes. Beth Booker, Administrator of Greene County Children and Youth Services, is looking to change that. "Removing a child from their home is a traumatic event and when you have to place a child an hour or more from their community, it adds more trauma onto them," she explains.

Beth has worked with Greene County CYS since 2017 and served as the supervisor for Greene County Foster Care in 2020. Since then, she has transitioned to other roles within the agency, but her heart still lies in helping the children in foster care. "My personal mission is to see our foster home numbers increase," she shares.

But since the pandemic, there has been a serious decline in families willing to take on the responsibility of fostering a child. And with foster parenting already being such a difficult role to fill, the COVID-19 pandemic took an even further toll on the process. Now, more than ever, Greene County Foster Care needs willing foster parents to love and support our county's kids— as close to home as possible. "Keeping that stability of their school and community...helps the child be more successful during this hard time in their life," Beth says.

Foster care is an effort dear to Beth's heart, but she admits that it is not a system that can be perfected easily. "Our agency, much like many other places, has struggled with staff turnover and I also want to find staff who is passionate about finding

foster families and supporting them as much as we can." To have a healthy foster system, not only the children need support, but the adults caring for them as well. Multiple organizations like Justice Works, BluePrints, and Greene County Human Services support the individuals and families who foster local children by placing providers in each home that are responsible for "preserving the family unit," as Beth says.

Considering the prospect of fostering can be an overwhelming task, but Beth breaks down the process: "When a family member reaches out, you will receive a folder with an application. Our foster care worker will set up an appointment to come see your home, work on paperwork with you, and do an interview." From there, she goes on to explain that interested foster parents then need to receive FBI, child abuse, and criminal clearances, as well as provide evidence of other personal documents, from things like car insurance to pet vaccinations. Foster families will also undergo trainings that prepare them for the journey ahead, which are offered monthly. The list may sound strange, but placing a child in a safe and comfortable environment during a time of crisis is of the utmost importance.

Additionally, case workers are involved in many aspects of a child's life while they are in foster care. Each child receives a case worker that works closely to support him or her, and their foster family, making monthly visits to the home, as well as remaining in constant contact with foster parents. Families can communicate with case workers by phone or text every

weekday from 8:30am to 4:30pm, as well as at any time after hours through the emergency hotline. Connection throughout all stages of the process is key, and the workers at Greene County Foster Care know this well.

The primary goal for every child who enters the foster system is to be reunited with his or her family if possible. Case workers and other foster care employees focus their efforts on making this happen, but in cases where a child's reunification with their biological parents is not possible, then adoption becomes the goal.

Because of the many agencies that provide support for foster care, the number of kids in the system has decreased. Pre-Covid, 100 young people were in care— now, there are 75. The relationships between CYS workers, biological families, foster parents, and children are strengthened when there is space to work on the family dynamic, resulting in returning kids to an improved home environment.

The best situations Beth has seen in her time with CYS involved collaboration and partnerships between biological and foster parents: "The support from foster parents can motivate a parent to work harder towards their goals for reunification," Beth states. "Then once the child is returned, these families have kept in touch and that foster family still remains a support for that family."

The journey of care does not end when a child exits foster care and goes home. The foster system redefines what "family" really means, and what a healthy one should look like— supportive, uplifting, and steady. Beth, and the many other workers at Greene County Foster Care are working hard to ensure that this stability and understanding is readily available for every child in our area who needs it. But they cannot do it alone.

"If you feel that you have the ability to open your home and love a child who needs a safe place, please reach out," Beth says.

Becoming a foster parent is not the only way to support the children in our community. Greene County Foster Care is also collecting donations of the book entitled "Coal-bie," written by Aaron Houser, director of Growing Up Greene. This book tells the story of a young girl's journey through foster care and is used as a comforting reminder to kids in the system that they are not alone. The books are \$10 and can be mailed or dropped off to Greene County CYS. All proceeds go to Growing Up Greene, which uses its funds to benefit children in the county.

Our young neighbors need us, now more than ever. By supporting our local foster care system, we can be better neighbors in a world that needs a little bit more kindness.

Beth Booker can be reached at:
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Together, we'll schedule a time when GCCYS can visit you and your family at home.
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Wilson Accounting Group has offices in both Waynesburg and Pittsburgh. Michael shares, "We are proud to be part of the Greene County business community."

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shelters, libraries, social services organizations, educational institutions, and local sports teams.

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THE GREENE COUNTY SALVATION ARMY

The Greene County Salvation Army Service Center distributes in hope. Hope in the form of emergency help, food, clothing, support and so much more. To continue spreading that hope to those who need it throughout Greene County, they need your help with donations and volunteers.

Donations are a necessity to providing the many support systems the Salvation Army sustains, and their most important fundraising effort is the annual Red Kettle campaign. The Greene County Salvation Army Service Center relies on Red Kettle donations for 100% of its annual funding. In 2023, they raised \$59,500 from the campaign. All funds raised stay in the county to provide services to low-income Greene County families.

Donations fund programs such as the Christmas Angel Tree, Project Bundle-up, Birthday Club, Back to School clothes & backpacks, infant and homeless essential bags, meals, and emergency support. In June, children ages 6-12 can at-

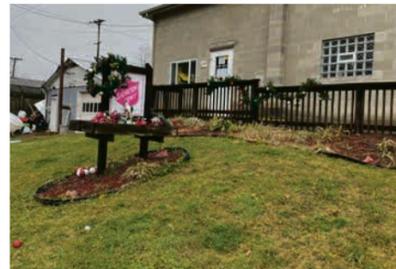
tend Camp Allegheny and enjoy four nights and five days of summer camp experiences. Donations provide funding for the camp, as well as creating camp bags for attending children.

Donations can come in many forms. Monetary donations, donations of food and pantry items, cleaning supplies, toiletries, clothing, small household equipment, toys, infant necessities, and more provide items for their pantry boxes, warehouse shopping, and more.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the warehouse, minor maintenance of the service center, packing boxes, and other tasks at the center. It's a great opportunity to give back to the community, especially for those looking to fulfill community service requirements, like high school students.

"We run on donations, we run on volunteers," Bonnie says. "We have a great community; they really help us so that we can help others."

If you'd like to volunteer or donate, you can reach out Bonnie Davis at the Salvation Army by calling 724-852-1479 or emailing BonnieJ.Davis@use.salvationarmy.org.



LUNGS AT WORK

Lungs at Work is a black lung clinic in McMurray, Pennsylvania, and is the only free-standing black lung clinic in the United States. They have been in operation since 2002. Lynda Glagola, a respiratory therapist that has worked with miners at the Canonsburg hospital, founded the organization. Glagola started it to help miners who deal with black lung and other respiratory issues when she realized that there was a need to give them a facility to cater to them.

Black lung disease, also known as coal workers pneumoconiosis, is a lung disease that occurs when someone inhales a lot of coal dust – which is why it is mostly found in coal miners. Black lung is often considered the most serious work health threat for miners. When a person inhales the coal dust, the particles stay in the lungs, where they can cause inflammation or scarring on the lungs. Some of the symptoms in the early stages include coughing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness. When the disease progresses, these symptoms get worse. Those affected may also have problems with other organs due to a low blood oxygen level. Black lung gets worse over time. This is the disease that Lungs at Work is working to help the people affected by.



James Wood Jr. took over as CEO of Lungs at Work in 2023. He has over 20 years experience in respiratory therapy.

Lungs at Work helps the miners with the services and treatment they have available to them at their facility. They also help them to know more about what the disease is that they are dealing with, along with assistance with the federal black lung benefit claim process. Another part of Lungs at Work is their partnership with Deanna Istik to represent the miners in their black lung claims. Istik is an attorney of Sinatra & Istik Law Office PLLC. The partnership between Istik and Lungs at Work began in 2022.



The nonprofit organization has been going through some changes in the last year. They moved locations last May to 5000 Waterdam Plaza Drive, Suite 180 McMurray PA. They also named a new CEO, James Wood Jr., after Glagola retired after 21 years as CEO. Wood came in as CEO with over 20 years of experience with respiratory therapy. He took over as the CEO at the beginning of the year.

Lungs at Work mainly works with people from the surrounding counties nearby their office in southwestern Pennsylvania, but

they are hopeful for growth, and to be able to help more people. To reach a bigger audience and achieve growth, they've been organizing outreach events. One of the things that they do at the events is lung screening for the disease which they also do at their facility.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 7am to until 4pm. Anyone can also contact them via email help@lungsatworkpa.org and by phone with the number 724-941-1650. You can also find information at their website lungsatworkpa.org.

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FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN OF GREENE COUNTY

'Happy 100th anniversary to our grand Association': First Federal of Greene County celebrates milestone year

During its annual meeting of members Jan. 24, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County officially kicked off a year of celebration as the Association marks its 100th anniversary.

Founded in March 1924 in Carmichaels as the Home Building and Loan Association of Greene County, the bank has remained a constant in Southwestern Pennsylvania against an ever-changing and evolving landscape.

"We wish our grand and special Association a 'Happy 100th anniversary,'" said Charles W. Trump, Jr., President/CEO of First Federal of Greene County. "It is very special and meaningful to reflect on the individuals who sparked the First Federal of Greene County fire in March of 1924, remembering and cherishing the countless men and women that kept that fire burning in the last 10 decades, and celebrating the current team that continues to guide the mission and ensure the Association's success for the next 100 years."

As a way to pay tribute to the Association's past, during the annual meeting dinner held at the Century Inn in Scenery Hill, guests enjoyed a replica of the cake made for the Association's 25th anniversary in 1949. Lindsey Parks, owner of Canonsburg Cake Company, created a smaller-scale cake based on the original, which was made by Hoge's Bakery and weighed 530 pounds. Parks is the great-granddaughter of Charles Phillips, one of the bakers and decorators on the Hoge's team in 1949.

Financial highlights from 2023 included \$1.027 billion in assets, \$876 million in deposits, and \$666 million in the Association's mortgage portfolio. Although mortgage rates continued to be higher than in recent years, mortgage volume was favorable, and the year-end mortgage effective yield stood at 3.759 percent.

In response to higher loan rates and customer uncertainty after several large bank failures made headlines early in 2023, the Association offered more competitive and higher rates of return on various deposit products. Employees also engaged in numerous conversations with customers reassuring them of First Federal of Greene County's solid financial footing.

"Unlike the failed institutions, our lending strategy, business plan and risk appetite are tempered and mitigated, and just as important, a large percentage of our funds on deposit are federally insured," Trump wrote in his annual President's Report. "Our team confirmed and demonstrated that our Association is well-positioned, financially sound and operating with the utmost of integrity, with the safety and protection of our customers being the priority."

Customer safety is also at the forefront of the Association's continued technological investments and improvements, from new products to modernizations of existing technology.

"The Association's IT capabilities will continue to mature and keep pace with an ever-changing cyber and information technology landscape," Trump noted. "The Board of Directors has demonstrated complete support in their backing of investments in technology, and stands committed to the investment and tools necessary in the future, ensuring safety for our customers and success for the Association."

Looking back at the past year, two big changes for the Association that took place in 2023 were the opening of a new

First Greene Mortgage office in Bridgeport, W.Va., and the retirement from the Board of Directors of Chairman John E. Mariner, also a past President/CEO. The Board named Mariner a Director Emeritus and elected former President/CEO Judi Goodwin Tanner Chairwoman of the Board.

"One would be hard-pressed to find better examples than these two leaders, in exemplifying dedication, commitment and fortitude in their respective service to First Federal of Greene County," Trump wrote. "Leadership is crucial for any organization, if it is to grow and succeed. John and Judi have added power to, and confidence in, our Association's long-standing mantra, 'The people you know, the people you can trust.'"

Along with Trump and Tanner, the Board of Directors includes Gregory A. Parsons, Jay S. Hammers, Murray W. Hoy, Stephen M. Neubauer, Douglas A. Wilson and Michael C. Baily. Hoy, Trump and Wilson were re-elected to 3-year terms on the Board. Mariner and Henry T. Cochran serve as Directors Emeritus.

Also during the Association's annual meeting, the Board of Directors approved the corporate officer title change of Terry L. Clutter to Vice President/Treasurer/Assistant Secretary. Trump was re-elected President/CEO, and the following Association officers were

once again elected: Chad M. Moore, Executive Vice President; Jeffrey B. Widdup, Vice President; Courtney A. Schroyer, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer; Kathleen M. Toth, Vice President/Secretary; Sarah A. Westfall, Assistant Vice President; Danielle R. Tobusto, Assistant Vice President; Aimee D. Toothman, Assistant Vice President; and Brian E. Moody, Assistant Treasurer.

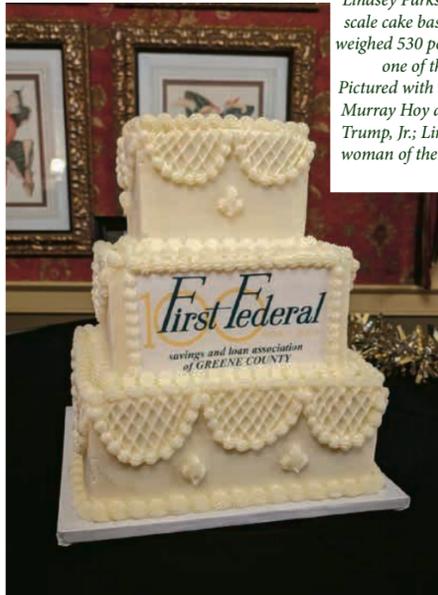
As part of the annual meeting, Trump also announced several employee promotions: Caitlin E. Brooks to Controller; Cody L. Byers to Human Resources Manager; and Elizabeth J. Menhart to Marketing and Public Relations Manager.

In closing, Trump credited the Board of Directors for their crucial support and oversight; the Officers for their day-



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Pictured with the special cake, from l. to r., are Directors Steve Neubauer, Murray Hoy and Doug Wilson; President/CEO and Director Charles W. Trump, Jr.; Lindsey Parks, owner of Canonsburg Cake Company; Chairwoman of the Board Judi Goodwin Tanner; and Directors Greg Parsons, Jay Hammers and Mike Baily.



to-day leadership and stewardship; and the employees for their special contributions.

"Our employees are the faces and voices of First Federal of Greene County," Trump said. "We truly have one of the best teams and some of the most special and thoughtful people, in a workplace, that I have ever witnessed."

"A quote that came to me recently is, 'Helping each other where we can, how we can - that's what community is all about,'" Trump continued. "Our employees strive to help where they can, how they can, each and every day. We will count on their energy and passion, while serving our customers, as we launch into our next 'Century of Service!'"

Since 1924, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County has served the residents of Southwestern Pennsylvania through a combination of traditional deposit and loan products and evolving technological convenience. From checking and savings accounts to mortgage and home equity loans, from online bill pay to mobile banking, First Federal of Greene County offers a variety of services to its customers, all while remaining committed to being "The People You Know, The People You Can Trust." Based in Waynesburg, Pa., First Federal of Greene County maintains eight offices in Greene, Fayette and Washington counties in Pennsylvania, and two First Greene Mortgage subsidiary offices in Morgantown and Bridgeport, W.Va. For more information, visit www.ffgc.bank.



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- Vaccinations
- Routine lab work
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- Well-child exams
- Diagnosis of common and complex diseases of the respiratory, digestive, and vascular systems

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"We want to make sure that this is a place where our patients can feel comfortable talking to us about their medical needs. We want to be approachable and relate to patients on their terms."

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