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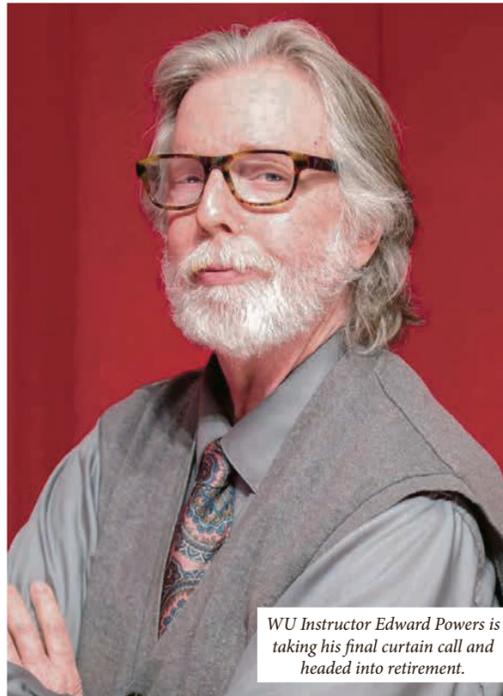
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# I Love this Community — EDWARD POWERS & THE WU THEATRE

By Colleen Nelson



WU Instructor Edward Powers is taking his final curtain call and headed into retirement.



Waynesburg University Freshmen Theater Arts students Haley Pattison, Will Goslee and Liz Dechellis with instructor Edward Powers put away the props after final rehearsal at Goodwin Performing Arts Center.

It's a rainy April afternoon and I'm sitting in Goodwin Performing Arts Center at Waynesburg University, catching the last few minutes of a "duet acting scene" from Neil Simon's classic "Barefoot in the Park". The props are minimal - wooden benches and stools standing in for tables and couches.

The actors in training, freshmen Haley Pattison and Will Goslee, read dialog from their smart phones as they move through the comedic motions of newlyweds learning to live and love together. This is rehearsal; in a few days the dual performances of the entire class will be graded.

Instructor Edward Powers sits in the front row, illuminated by the stage lighting as he gestures his critique after the performance. He's in his element now; drama coach, teacher and stage director, giving his students one last semester of instruction and advice before his own curtain call.

After 24 years and 100 plays, musicals, original scripts and one-man shows, Powers is retiring from the stage at WU to take on a new adventure or three, back in his hometown in Clarksville, Tennessee.

But today is all about the present as his voice pulls us into the moment that is so essential for actors to be in whenever they step onstage to tell a story that mirrors real life back to the audience.

"Don't drop the character—keep living it on stage. That's one of the toughest things to do as a listening actor—to be in the moment while waiting for the cue."

Powers remembers his senior year at Austin Peay State University in 1978, doing an existential play where his character waited pages for his next line. "Our minds tend to

wander, but you have to still maintain that character." He tells us of the dramatic pace of that year that gave him his career. "I did five major shows plus about four one acts, and I directed as well. We were a factor, we were just tearing the place down."

Graduate school at the University of Memphis found Powers in full command of "all kinds of accents"—proper Brit, Cockney Irish, German, Russian, American. "When I got there, people thought I was from Iowa or someplace like that. But I can get my Tennessee accent out at the drop of a hat!"

While teaching at Hiwassee College in Madisonville, Tennessee, the small historic liberal arts college began suffering financial difficulties and Powers began submitting his application to schools beyond his home state. He arrived on campus at Waynesburg College in 2000 and by that fall, his students were putting on the play "Rumors" by Neil Simon.

With a nod to time coming full circle, "This past fall we did "Rumors" again."

Haley Pattison, from North Cambria, is majoring in Marine Biology. She tells me she found her love of aquatics going ocean fishing with her dad when she was 12 and marveling over crabs, corals and jellyfish. But her love for theater came in 11th grade when her school began offering drama classes. "I loved listening to musical sound tracks. Then my aunt took me to see a live performance, and it was Hamilton that did it. Once I'm hooked, I go for it!"

Powers is smiling. "This freshman class has some strong talent. I hate to leave them. It's hard to say good-

bye. There is a value to theater. With each story on stage, we are learning a little bit who we are. Whether maid or narrator, scarecrow, tin man or a cowardly lion, we're dealing with the human condition."

For Powers's last spring musical, "Blood Brothers", set in Liverpool in the 1960s, he let his students forgo accents in order to better focus on the emotional drama of two fraternal twin brothers raised at differing ends of the socio-economic spectrum and how it affects their lives when they fall in love with the same girl.

Powers nods in satisfaction. "It was an exceptional performance, especially since it was a musical, and they also had to concentrate on singing."

Now, as the semester and the school year end, there are still acting exercises for his students to practice until they become second nature, things that nail down the finer details of bringing the stage persona to life. There will be a last rehearsal tomorrow for me to sit in on and observe.

As I settle in my seat the next afternoon, the rehearsal is finished, and the critique is ongoing. Haley, Goslee and fellow freshman Liz Dechellis from Pittsburgh are sitting on the edge of the stage, listening and asking questions. Powers is breaking down in measured terms how actors keep their place on stage while speaking each

word.

What can be done between classes, he posits, what can be done between rehearsals, to fine tune a performance? Well, you might write some lines and decide where you'll be standing onstage, rehearse in mind's eye the movement along with the words, Powers tells them, each syllable clear enough to be heard to the last seat. "I move on this line—this way. I move on this line—that way. It might seem like a piddly little nothing but this is an important acting assignment."

When I ask Dechellis, who played Mrs. Lyons in "Blood Brothers", what theater does for her, she projects her voice from the stage as she explains that her love of singing led her to musicals, then acting. "We do a lot of these exercises and they help with the small details. I've learned a lot. It's a life skill that helps me in the arts and also with my everyday life."

For Goslee, who hails from Delaware, it's a family affair. "My mom was an actress for a while, and I wanted to give it a try."

Now it's time to put away the props and strike a pose for the story. I tell them to create a scene and where everyone is in just the right pose, and one of the twenty photos I'll shoot will capture it.

Powers gets into the act and we all laugh our way into the moment that will make the final cut when this story is published.

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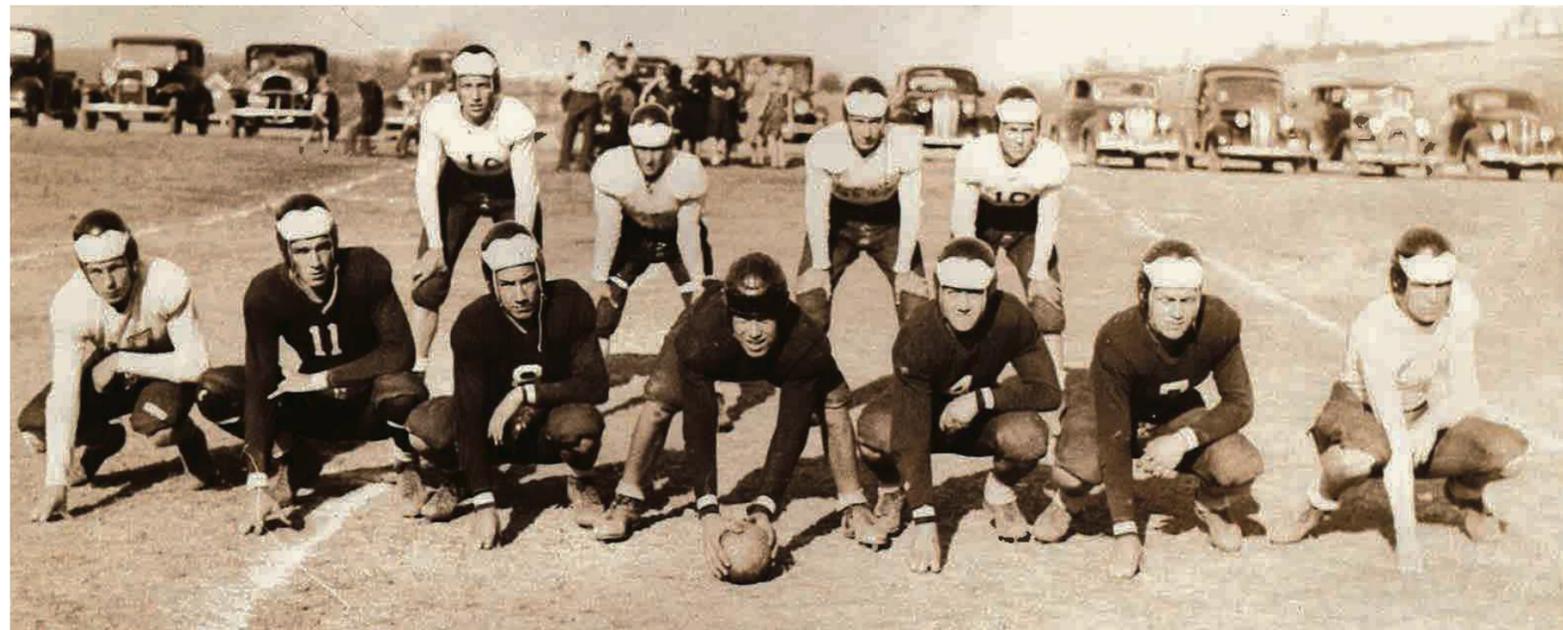
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## Cool at School: Carmichaels Center for Performing Arts

By Danielle Nyland

Involvement in the arts is almost always beneficial for children, creating well-rounded children. Musical theatre offers valuable benefits to children: self-confidence, creative self-expression, enhanced social skills and friendships, increased memory, intellectual growth, and more. Susan Zalar understands the importance of providing opportunities like this to our area youth.

Almost 30 years ago, Susan Zalar opened the Center for Performing Arts in the former fire hall in Carmichaels, bringing more opportunities for dance and musical theatre to Greene County. In those years, she's seen the importance of musical theatre for herself. Through the Center for Performing Arts, students have been able to creatively explore their identity on stage and make lasting memories.

This May, the students of the Center for the Performing Arts (CPA) will present two shows in the Stan Ferek Auditorium at Carmichaels Area Middle and Senior High School. The CPA's Junior Company will be performing "Matilda", and the Senior Company will perform "Descendants."

The decision to choose "Matilda" was an easy one: "There were lots of incoming little ones to the program, and they love the

new movie. Also, they are familiar with the songs. It's a nice introduction to theatre," says Director Kyleigh Polish-Angelo.

The role of Matilda will be played by Marklee Beal, age nine. "I am very excited to play the role of Matilda as this is the first time I will be in a lead role. I love acting, singing, and dancing."

The part of Lavender, Matilda's friend, will be played by Joelle Katruska, age nine. She is especially excited to portray Lavender: "I love the role of Lavender because she is Matilda's best friend. Marklee and I are best friends, so it's fun that we get to be in this role together both on and off the stage."

Miss Honey, Matilda's teacher, will be portrayed by 12-year-old Karis Spector. She loved the show's happy ending and, "Also, I enjoy the music!"

The main antagonist of Matilda, Miss Trunchbull, will be played by Stacey Palmer, age 11, who enjoys being the villain in Matilda. "My favorite part is getting to call the little ones 'maggots'. It makes me laugh!"

To prepare for the performance, students had weekly rehearsals on Thursdays and currently on Saturday mornings. Each

student has a script that they can practice at home. Many students have been watching the musical to better understand the characters and their personalities. Their classes are composed of 30 minutes of movement, 30 minutes of drama and 30 minutes of voice. In addition, the students play games to get warmed up and ready for class.

The Junior Company's production of

"Matilda" will be performed on May 4 at 7:30pm and May 5 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. The Senior Company's performance of Descendants on May 24 and 25 at 7:30pm. For more information, find the Center for Performing Arts on Facebook.





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## Public Service Profile

By Morgan Marisa

### RAMPING UP TRANSPORTATION



Greene County boasts a landscape of rolling hills, lively farmland, covered bridges, and tranquil forests. While the natural scenery of the county brings joy to its residents, it also unfortunately isolates a portion of it who do not have access to reliable transportation. Blueprints is partnering with Carnegie Mellon University, Waynesburg University, and the Greene County Commissioners to pilot a project called RAMP with hopes of closing these transportation gaps.

"Transportation is critical to so many aspects of life," said Jeff Fondelier, CEO of Blueprints. "In a rural county where true public transportation is unavailable, there is a limit to where one can work, shop, access healthcare or seek opportunities to thrive."

RAMP, short for Rural Access Mobility Platform, is a research project funded by the US Department of Energy. This pilot project will test the viability of a micro-transit on-demand shared mobility service, similar to Lyft or Uber, in the rural areas of Greene County.

The initiative aims to improve the efficiency and availability of transportation to those who are not eligible for Greene County Transportation or do not have a reliable personally owned vehicle. It will provide opportunities to access essential needs and services such as food, employment, security, healthcare, or civic activity engagement.

"RAMP can ultimately help the vibrancy of Greene County," added Fondelier who has been with Blueprints since 2004. "It can help connect people who can and want to work to meaningful employment; it can help those struggling with food insecurity access nutrition; it can improve health outcomes by helping people access routine

and more emergent care; and it can engage people in the Greene County community."

From May 1 until August, those looking to utilize the service will need to register for a ride by accessing the platform at [www.ramp-pilot.com](http://www.ramp-pilot.com) or by calling 724-780-RAMP (7267). Blueprints will have three Honda vans running routes from 8am - 5pm Monday through Friday. Two vans will be "On-Demand" and one will act as a static shuttle between Waynesburg and Carmichaels with trips to Washington and Morgantown available as well.

Once initiated via website or phone call, the ride system will provide an estimated time for pick up and drop off. Since the platform requires internet access, routes will be limited to areas of the county with cell coverage to ensure the safety of all drivers and riders.

Fondelier also noted that RAMP is not intended to displace existing Greene County Transportation services, but rather to complement it. Those eligible for Greene County Transportation should continue to use it.

It additionally seeks to use this temporary opportunity for research purposes to quantify the impact of the service. If successful, there may be long-term financial support opportunities to continue the operation of RAMP in Greene County. Rider feedback may also be used to adjust the days or hours of operation.

Fondelier would like to thank Sean Qian, Ph.D. from CMU, the primary researcher, who brought the project to Greene County and to Blueprints, and Stacey Brodak, from Waynesburg University, who has been integral to the preliminary research and planning. Lastly, he is grateful to the Greene County Commissioners for their support and guidance.

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# VETERANS CORNER

By Emma Bates

## AREA VETERAN CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

In an age where we take many of our blessings for granted, and often neglect the remembrance of those who work tirelessly to preserve our liberties, the life of nearly 100-year-old veteran Orlando Prete shows a true picture of sacrifice by his actions both on and off the field of combat.

Prete was born in Masontown on May 25, 1924, three years after his parents, Nazarene and Anna Prete, immigrated to America from Italy. The Prete family soon moved to the coal patch community of Bobtown, and started a homestead in Shannopin Mine's company housing, part of Jones and Laughlin Steel Company, where Orlando's father was employed. Neither parent spoke English and life was challenging, but the family was hardworking and determined. Even as a young child, Orlando followed suit. His daughter, Diana Gronholm, shares



Orlando Prete joined the Navy at age 19.

from stories that her father "was really a wholesome kid," who stayed out of trouble and was extremely mature and thoughtful. When he was young, Orlando loved music, and saved up enough money to buy himself a guitar and occasionally go to a movie at the company cinema.

In the years following the Great Depression, Orlando eventually left high school in order to help support his family. "People were just trying their best to make ends meet," Diana says. "His family was one of many." Orlando applied for a job at the mine as well, but with a proposition to only work outside. His wish was respected, and Orlando spent the entirety of his mining career above ground.

Soon, however, a new challenge arose—one that Orlando again met head-on: World War II. John Michniak, an area coordinator for Greene County veterans, provides insight into Prete's incredible military career. On January 19, 1943, Prete enlisted in the United States Navy at only 19 years of age. (Later in the war, his naval unit was transferred to the U.S. Marine Corps.) After receiving his Navy Training Course in the fall of 1944, Prete earned the title of Pharmacist's Mate Second Class. During his tour of duty, mostly on the Pacific Front, Prete fought valiantly for his country, most recognizably in Guadalcanal and the Battle of Okinawa, which was, as Michniak explains, "the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific Theatre of World War II." Prete was wounded in combat in Okinawa on June 3, 1945, nearly losing his leg, and received many honors for his bravery, most notably the Purple Heart Award and the Presidential Unit Citation for "extraordinary heroism in action against enemy..." Prete also was awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon, both American and Pacific Theatre Ribbons, and the Victory Medal. He was treated for his severe wounds in Oahu, Hawaii and San Francisco, California before returning home to Pennsylvania, being honorably dis-

charged February 2, 1946.

After his recovery, Prete returned to Shannopin Mine, and eventually became the tippie operator there. Soon after his return home, Prete was introduced to a woman by the name of Mary Williams on a blind date. Their meeting was a "love at first sight" encounter, and the two married on October 22, 1949.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Prete moved to Dilliner, where they eventually raised three children: Diana, Mark, and Kathy. In 1950, a new chapter in their lives began.

As strikes in the mine became more frequent, Prete and his brother, Louis ("Wegie"), opened a local business to supplement their family's income, and "Prete's Texaco" service station was born. In 1966, the two Prete brothers, along with their wives, ventured into another business opportunity and opened "Prete's Twin Twister Ice Cream," built from scratch on a piece of property just across the street from the gas station.

One customer with fond memories of Prete and the ice cream stand is the aforementioned John Michniak, who has honored Prete in several veteran ceremonies. Michniak was a young boy playing little league baseball when he met Prete, and he cherishes the memories spent eating ice cream in his store, and visiting with the man so many looked up to. "I think he's great," Michniak says. "He's such a humble guy."

It was in this humility that Prete would always go the extra mile in order to help someone else. "The phone would ring



Orlando at the Bobtown Veterans Memorial.



Orlando Prete and John Michniak.

[after hours when the station was closed] and it was someone needing car assistance. My dad would always find a way to help them out," Diana remembers. "He was supportive forever, always there for us. God and family were his priorities."

Those priorities continued to shape Prete's life from his retirement in 1988 and beyond. Flare-ups from his leg wounds would occur now and again, but the war remained an absent topic of conversation in the family. "He always kept going though, he didn't miss a beat!" says Diana. Prete remained an active member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, and used his retirement to travel the world with his beloved wife, taking road trips across the country to visit family, many excursions, bus tours, and cruises. Sadly, Mrs. Prete developed lung cancer, and Orlando dedicated himself to her care at home. She passed away in 1997, and Orlando faced the greatest battle since the war.

Yet he kept going, making the best of every moment with his beloved family, continuing with church activities, and pursuing his lifelong passion for gardening. Another of his favorite outings became visiting the casino with a conservative limit to spend, but a liberal amount of friends and family in tow. Prete currently lives at Country Meadows in Bridgeville, where he still lives independently.

Mr. Prete will be honored for his service on May 26 at 1pm at the Greensboro VFW Post 6303 during the annual Memorial Day Service—one day after his 100th birthday.

Michniak states, "Our country is trying to forget our history." But by honoring those who have dedicated their lives to preserving the American Dream, we won't let that happen.

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# Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## THREE BRIDGES OVER TEN MILE

The purpose of an artifact, largely, is to tell a story or recall some element of past human history so that we can be reminded of and learn from history. This artifact does just that. Donated to the GCHS in 2023, this model of the old “double barrel” covered bridge that crossed Ten Mile Creek on Rt. 21 at the present location of McDonalds.

There were many covered bridges making routes over waterways throughout the countryside in years gone by. The double bridge in Morrisville, or Dotysburg, was exceptional due to its ability to carry two lanes of traffic over Ten Mile because double bridges were not common in this area. Many thousands of buggies and transports would have traveled over the covered bridge, as well as convoys of livestock and wagons of goods to be moved to various points all throughout the county.

In 1928, heavier traffic required a new bridge be built crossing Ten Mile. That year, the Veterans Memorial Bridge, or Freedom Bridge, was built alongside the old two laned covered bridge. They would stand together, side by side, crossing Ten Mile, before the covered bridge was removed. The Freedom Bridge would be the only mode of travel



Model of the old two lane covered bridge that crossed Ten Mile Creek.

across Ten Mile at this point.

By 2014, the Freedom Bridge had fallen into disrepair and was no longer meeting the needs of the heightened traffic flow on Rt. 21 through Waynesburg. It was decided that a new bridge would be built to widen the road from two lanes to four lanes, allowing two lanes of traffic to move in each direction.

The new bridge was completed by October 2017. Widening the road also came with the necessity of expanding the railroad overpass that crossed over Rt. 21, as well. This new bridge and road widening project improved the flow of traffic through that once-narrow corridor.

Please keep an eye out on the GCHS Website and Facebook page for information on the upcoming Opening Day and the 2024 season so that you can check it this model for yourself!

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## Going Green: WHEN IT FLOODS IN GREENE COUNTY

By Matthew Cumberledge

April showers bring May flowers, and what do Mayflowers bring? Pilgrims! April showers bring something else as well: seasonal flooding in and around southwestern Pennsylvania. I think all us residents of Greene County have dealt with the consequences of flooding in one way or another, whether it's damaged property, closed roads, mudslides, or school closures. It's become a part of the annual cycle here.

As someone who grew up and still lives along Dunkard Creek in Brave, we knew every year when we were all school children, we'd get free days off from school due to the flooding in Brave. The buses were unable to make it in or out of town, and so we got to stay home and play hooky – and not have to worry about making up the missed days at the end of the year.

Not everyone has fond memories of flooding in Greene County. Over the years many of the businesses along Ten Mile in the area around McDonalds have suffered great damage due to floods, and many private homes have fallen prey to floodwaters and the associated mudslides.

Back in 1888, however, some of the worst flooding to hit Greene County oc-

curred, but it wasn't in the spring-time. These were summer floods. On July 8, 1888, it began raining heavily, and the rains did not stop, or even wain, in their ferocity for 36 hours. As a result, the Mon River was measured to have risen 32 feet in Greensboro after just 24 hours of rain. There was no loss of life associated with the flood but nearly inestimable damage. In Rices Landing, the Kline and Waltons Drugstore was demolished, and the bridge at Millsboro that crossed Ten Mile Creek was destroyed. The press estimated total damage throughout the county to have exceeded \$2.5 million – which would be more than \$81 million in today's money.

Later in August, heavy flooding would strike again. The area, having barely recovered from the July floods, was hit by rain on August 20; again, it didn't stop. The streams throughout the county surged to unprecedented heights and a number of bridges were destroyed. Every farm suffered damage in



The bridge at McDonalds on Rt 21 in Waynesburg during the April 3, 2023 flooding.

some form and over 15,000 households were without fuel, light or drinking water. No one was safe from the results of the rains in late August of 1888.

Thankfully, floods of that magnitude are

not the norm in Greene County and, as damaging as they can be, haven't reached such a serious level in over a century.

# Recent Events in Greene & Nearby

## GREENE COUNTY ECLIPSE PARTIES

On Monday, April 8, friends, neighbors, and families in southwestern PA communities gathered to celebrate the partial eclipse traveling across the sky. Three notable eclipse parties in Greene were held at the Flenniken Public Library, Ryerson Station State Park, and RGB Coffee in Waynesburg.

Prior to the eclipse, both Greene County libraries offered eclipse glasses to community members in need. The eclipse party at Flenniken featured eclipse-themed snacks, out-of-this-world cupcakes, eclipse activities, and news coverage of the event.

RGB Coffee gave away 50 eclipse glasses with drink purchases (starting at noon), then another 100 pairs at 1pm. Patrons were able to enjoy their drinks outside at tables and chairs and follow the eclipse's path.

Community members also gathered at Ryerson Station State Park's swimming pool parking lot with chairs to listen to a short presentation and view the eclipse. Ryerson Station State Park also provided glasses for viewers.

## CRAWFORD PARK RIBBON CUTTING

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Franklin Township Supervisors at Crawford Park. On March 15, Franklin Township Supervisors Corby Orndorff, Todd Hoy, and William Walker were joined by township staff/employees, local dignitaries, and the Greene County Honor Guard to cut



Flenniken Library Eclipse Party



RGB Eclipse Party



Ryerson Station State Park Eclipse Party

the ribbon on this project that took years in the making.

Greene County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melody Longstreth welcomed those in attendance. The celebration started with the Greene County Honor Guard holding a flag ceremony. All three supervisors spoke of the behind-the-scenes details regarding the process of the project. The event featured remarks from retired state representative Pam Snyder, and PA State Senator Camera Bartolotta. Multiple state grants secured by Snyder and Bartolotta as well as donors such as EQT and BHE GT&S, a Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company were involved in the creation of this project that will bring joy to many locals in the community. After the official cutting of the ribbon, those in attendance had the opportunity to converse and enjoy lunch at the park.

## GCCTC FOOD TRUCK RIBBON CUTTING

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Greene

County Career & Technology Center's Culinary Arts department food truck.

For approximately 18 months, Dave Calvario of the CFGC worked alongside Mark Krupa and Dan Wagner of the GCCTC to carry out this countywide effort to bring our communities and school districts together to impact work force development.

The evening started with a welcome from GCCTC director Mark Krupa, followed by words from Dave Calvario, GCCTC Culinary Arts Teacher Dan Wagner, student Ellie Turner, and student Dylan Wilson. Following the speakers, attendees enjoyed refreshments.

Some of those in attendance were representatives from Jesmar Energy, Gatrell Business Solutions, the Community Foundation of Greene County, Moore Monuments, RG Johnson, Smalley Electric, PA National Logging and Restaurant Association, D.J.'s Diner, Waynesburg VFW, Coles Greene Acres Farm, Greene County Tourism, Hoy's Concrete,

Baily Agency, Fox Ford, First Federal, Jenmar, Iron Senery, Community Bank, KSW Oilfield Services, McCracken's Pharmacy, Wilson Accounting, & Direct Results for their contributions. Buddy Greco, Donna Rinehart, and Albie Rinehart were recognized as individual donors.

Other significant roles such as the joint operating committee and various CTC students lined up to cut the ribbon. As the confetti started to fall, nothing but smiles could be seen with the hopes and dreams for the future of this truck. Dave Calvario is looking forward to "seeing the Culinary Arts students with a little more bounce in their step. To have the students forward facing, interacting with the public, serving their teachers, and to obtain hands-on experience through this mobile classroom."

Read more about the GCCTC's food truck in the next issue!



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## Good NEWS In Greene County

### West Greene Lions Club Recognizes Outstanding Students

The West Greene Area Lions Club recently honored these outstanding students with a dinner, certificate, and Amazon gift card.

Kasie Meek is the daughter of John and Tonya Meek of Holbrook, PA. She participates in Future Farmers of America, Science Club, Peer Mentoring, Sergeant at Arms of the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, Secretary of Student Government, and Treasurer of the Calculus Club. Her awards and honors include Honor Roll, PIAA 1st Team All-State in Volleyball, and WPIAL 1st Team All-star in Basketball. Kasie's volunteered as a coach for the West Greene Elementary Basketball Program and at Dreaming of Three through their Rodeo Kids Program. Her plans are to attend PennWest California University majoring in Business while participating on the volleyball team.



Ella Scott

Brooke Miller is the daughter of Ronald and Crystal Miller of New Freeport, PA. She belongs to the National Honor Society, FFA, Floral Design, Peer Mentoring and Science Club. Brooke's accomplishments and awards include Being a 4 year letterman of the Girls Basketball team, Letterman of the Volleyball team, and a 2 year Letterman of the Track and Field team. She plans to attend Slippery Rock University majoring in Business and minoring in Human Resources.



Brooke Miller

Ella Scott is the daughter of Chad and Alanna Scott of Nineveh, PA. Ella is active in clubs and has received various awards. She is the National Honor Society President, a member of the Ski Club, Science Club, FFA, Varsity Softball and Varsity Volleyball. Her community service includes organizing a clothing drive for the Waynesburg Children and Youth Services, volunteering as a Middle School Volleyball Coach, organizing a bake sale to benefit the West Greene Life Skills Class, and organizing a car wash benefiting the Waynesburg Humane Society. Ella plans to attend West Virginia University majoring in Environmental Energy Resources Management.



Kasie Meek

### Waynesburg Lions Club Recognizes Outstanding Students

The WCHS Lions Club Students of the Month for April are Emma Kindervater and Brynn Kirby.

Emma Kindervater is the daughter of Eric and Melissa Kindervater of Waynesburg. She is a member of Student Council, National Honors Society, Yearbook, Girls Soccer team, and the Girls Basketball Team. She served as the Vice President of Alpha Beta, the Prom Committee and Ski Club.

Emma has been recognized for her athletic ability as well as her academics. She is a soccer letterman and a four-time basketball letterman. She has been recognized by GreeneSports at the athlete of the game and twice as the athlete of the month. Emma was selected to the All-County team for Basketball.

She represented her class as a Homecoming representative and a Cinderella Ball attendant. Emma has earned straight 'A's throughout high school. Outside of school Emma attends the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She also helps with the junior basketball program, Little Drib-

blers. In the summer, Ms. Kindervater is a lifeguard for Greene County pools. In her free time Emma enjoys spending time with her friends, family, and dogs. She loves the outdoors, attending concerts and traveling.

Emma's plans are to attend Tennessee Tech and pursue a career as a Nurse Anesthetist.



Emma Kindervater



Brynn Kirby

Brynn Kirby is the daughter of Chastity and Travis Kirby of Waynesburg. Brynn has earned a 4.0 GPA in high school. She has been a member of the Soccer team and the Track and Field team. Brynn is a four-year soccer letterman and a three-year track letterman. Brynn has held a lot of positions in her clubs and organizations. She is the President of the National Honor Society, Secretary of Student Council, Secretary of Alpha Beta, Secretary of Ski Club, and the Treasurer of the Prom Committee.

Ms. Kirby has served as the soccer team captain for the past two seasons. She has also earned soccer honors as all-section, all-county and Athlete of the month. Outside of school Brynn attends the Rolling Meadows Church of God where she serves as a Children's Ministries teacher. She also volunteers for the Make a Wish Foundation. In the summers she has worked for the EQT Rec Center and the Greene County Department of Recreation.

Brynn's plans are to attend Waynesburg University where she will major in nursing and play soccer.

### Students Recognized at Leadership Conference

At the PA FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, 10 students from Mapletown Jr. Sr. High School competed against over 5000 students from across the state. Congratulations to these outstanding achievers! Makenna Lotspeich, a sophomore, placed 3rd in her event and qualifies for Nationals in Orlando, Florida this summer!! She is the first Mapletown Student ever to qualify for National at the State Conference.

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## Waynesburg Franklin Township VFD is Now Alerting Through Safety Cloud

To enhance road safety and protect first responders, Waynesburg Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department is now integrating HAAS Alert's Safety Cloud@ digital alerting into their fire apparatus. This collision prevention service enables the delivery of real time alerts to Pennsylvania drivers when emergency services are active in the vicinity.

Safety Cloud boosts driver compliance with Move Over laws by dispatching real time notifications when first responders are enroute or on scene when emergency lights are operating. This digital solution effectively enhances lightbars and sirens with additional in-vehicle notification, minimizing the likelihood of collisions with first responders.

Safety Cloud's digital alerting delivers immediate warnings to drivers of the proximity of emergency vehicles or road workers. This preemptive measure significantly reduces collision risks by up to 90%, safeguarding both first responders and the motoring public.

Despite Pennsylvania's Move Over laws necessitating drivers to decelerate and change lanes when approaching active emergency vehicles, delayed or non-compliant reactions persist. Safety Cloud addresses this issue by providing up to 30 seconds of preemptive warning, facilitating safer responses.

The alerts are accessible via the Waze navigation app and Apple Maps, compatible with mobile devices and integrated into the dashboard of many modern vehicles. Safety Cloud alerts are also available on the infotainment screens of millions of vehicles, specifically 2018 and newer models of Jeep, Ram, Chrysler, and Dodge through the EVAS (Emergency Vehicle Alert System) feature. HAAS Alert is actively working on broadening the alerts to more platforms and vehicles.

"We started looking at this technology a few years ago, then when South Strabane Fire Department had their truck struck on Interstate 70, we realized we needed this technology in our apparatus," said Fire Chief Jeff Marshall.

"Adopting Safety Cloud adds a layer of protection for our firefighters, facilitating their operations with enhanced safety," said Chief Marshall. "By providing drivers with additional time to respond appropriately, this service establishes a safer environment for both our crew and surrounding motorists. We strongly recommend drivers to utilize Waze and Apple Maps, both free-to-use apps, to benefit from these vital road safety alerts."

The cost of this technology was offset through financial support from Fox Ford of Waynesburg. Chief Marshall added that the Fox family have been generational members of the fire department and the contributions the family has made over the years are many. Mark Fox, President of Fox Ford added "I know from almost 50 years of experience with the Waynesburg Franklin Twp Fire Company how critical first responder safety is, and this new HAAS technology will definitely make emergency responses safer. Our family is pleased to help with making this technology possible for our fire company."

## Nemacolin VFD Hosts Sunday Bingo

The Nemacolin VFD will be hosting a Sunday Bingo on May 5. Doors open at 12:30pm and bingo starts at 2pm. Twenty games cost \$20.

## EQT REC Center Golf Scramble

The EQT REC Center is hosting its 2nd annual golf outing on May 25 at Rohanna's. Registration is at 7:30am and the event begins at 8:30am. The 4-man scramble team is \$375/team and includes 18 hoiles of golf, golf cart, and catered lunch. First place is \$700, second place is \$300, 3rd place is 3-month membership to EQT REC Center, and fourth is a foursome for 18 holes with cart at Rohanna's. Register by May 16 at teamsideline.com/eqtrecenter. The event benefits the Sports and Rec Department at the center. They are currently taking reservations for players, teams, and especially sponsorships. Sponsorships can be made at teamsideline.com/eqtrecenter or mailed to EQT REC Center, 400 EverGreene Dr., Waynesburg, PA 15370. Sponsorships include Tournament (\$500), Beverage Cart (\$400), Team Prize/Skill Prize (\$200), and Hole Sponsor (\$100).

## GCUW's 2024 Truck Giveaway

Greene County United Way is in the planning stages of our next Annual Truck Giveaway! So, keep watch for more announcements about the truck, how to buy tickets and the events they'll be at over the summer! You can also regularly check out their website at [www.greencountyunitedway.org/truckgiveaway](http://www.greencountyunitedway.org/truckgiveaway) or follow them on Facebook or Instagram!

## Salvation Army Spring Flea Market

The Salvation Army's 2024 Spring Flea Market will be held on May 6 to 10 from 10am to 2pm at the Salvation Army Service Center on W. 1st Street. The warehouse will be closed to the public the week before the event (April 24-May 2) and the week after (May 13-17). All proceeds from the sale will support Back to School, which provides new school supplies, clothing and outerwear/shoes, socks, and other school essentials to Greene County children in need.

Back to School signups will be held on May 6, 7, and 8 from 10am to 2pm. It's available for children in Greene County grades from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Applicants must bring the income for everyone in the home (if no income, bring food stamp statement), ID, and insurance card or access card.

## 2024 Little Miss Firecracker Applications

Applications are now available for the 2024 Little Miss Firecracker Pageant sponsored by the Waynesburg Lions Club. The pageant is staged at the Waynesburg Lions Club Park on the Amphitheatre Stage during the annual 4th of July Celebration.

The pageant is a noncompetitive pageant for girls ages 5-8, as of July 4, 2024. Participants appear in patriotic attire and will be interviewed on stage, with the winner being chosen by a random drawing of flowers.

The winner receives a crown, trophy and bouquet. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 14, 2024.

For more information as well as applications call or text Eleanor Chapman 724-627-5284 (home) or 724-998-6962.

## CFGC Summer Community Grant Applications Open

The Community Foundation of Greene County is accepting applications for several grant opportunities for nonprofits, public schools, and teachers. Grant awards will not exceed \$5,000, and winners will be announced in late July. For more information, visit [cfgcpa.org](http://cfgcpa.org).

Community Foundation's 2024 Summer Community Grant Application Portal opened on April 3, 2024. Grant applications must be submitted by Friday, May 31, at 11:59pm. If you have never applied for a grant through the CFGC Online Grant Portal, you will need to contact Dave Calvario at [cfgcpa@gmail.com](mailto:cfgcpa@gmail.com), so he can put you in the system as an applicant.

*In the April 2024 issue, a picture from Hoofprints & Angel Wings ran incorrectly with an article about Hoofprints & the rodeo. We apologize for any confusion. See story on page 36 for more about Hoofprints & Angel Wings and their rescue work.*

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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.

## Intentional Walks By Bret Moore

### A Who's Who of Greene County Athletes

For many people, sports are a visceral link to their past and a source of community, regional and national pride. The people of Greene County have always been proud of their athletic heritage. This issue of the Greene Scene is celebrating the accomplishments of our fellow Countians, both past and present. The following individuals have represented our County at the highest levels of their respective sports.

If we were to go way back in our history, Willis Hutchins of Brave broke the 100-Yard-Dash World Record in 1914. Thirteen years later, Edward Tegue of Waynesburg broke the Quarter Mile World Record at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. Jumping ahead a century, many people today know Dave Palone of Dry Tavern holds the World Record for wins in Harness Racing.

As to team success, Hundred native and Waynesburg College alum Lee King drove in the series winning run in the 1922 World Series. Bill George won an NFL Championship with the Bears in 1963, and Mo Scarry claimed one with the Browns as a player before taking home Super Bowl rings as a coach for the Miami Dolphins. Coleman Scott (Oklahoma State wrestling and George Messich (Pitt football) each won NCAA Division I team titles.

In wrestling, Jefferson-Morgan's Cary Kolat and Waynesburg Central's Coleman Scott both captured medals on the World's stage. Kolat won Silver and Bronze at the 1997 and 2001 World Championships and competed on the 2000 and 2012 Olympic teams. Scott won Bronze at the 2012 London Olympics and was a four-time member of the U.S. National Team.

Other County wrestlers have won NCAA Division I wrestling titles including: Waynesburg College's George Lewis (1948), and Tony Gizoni (1950,1951). In addition, Tom Alberts (Pitt, 1957), Cary

Kolat (Lock Haven, 1996,1997), Josh Koscheck (Edinboro, 2001), and Coleman Scott (Oklahoma State, 2008) won national titles. The Waynesburg College duo of Tony Gusic and Mike Zrimm also won NAIA national titles in 1965.

Thirty-two Greene County boys have also claimed 55 PIAA state titles.

We have also produced a multitude of professional football players. Waynesburg College launched the NFL careers of Paul Frank (Newark Tornados, 1930), Mo Scarry (Rams and Browns), Coach Carl DePasqua (Steelers), Harry Theofiledes (Redskins and Jets), Joe Righetti (Browns), Don Hermann (Giants and Saints), and Dave Smith (Steelers and Oilers). Local West Greene products Jack Wiley (Waynesburg College /Steelers), Jerry Yost (WVU/Jets), and John Bristor (Waynesburg College/49ers) represented the Pioneers well. Carmichael's alum Larry Krutko (WVU/Steelers) started in the Black and Gold backfield in the late 50s and early 60s. However, the most successful of this illustrious group is Waynesburg's Bill George. He was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame after a 14-year career with the Bears and the Rams.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Arena League Hall of Famer Greg Hopkins (Albany Firebirds and L.A. Avengers) and Carmichael's alumnae Lori Burkholder, who played for the NWFA Champion Pittsburgh Passion from 2002-2009 as members of this group.

As one might expect, there have not been as many local basketball players in the professional ranks. Waynesburg High School and College alum Wettle Mancuso played for the Buffalo Bison in the National Basketball League (pre-NBA) in the mid-1930s. West Greene's Rick Sonneborn led the PIAA in scoring before going on to Penn State and a career in the Nation-

al League of Thailand. However, the most successful local professional came out of the Yellow Jacket dynasty of the 1980s. Paul Stanley was one of the greatest players in Australian National Basketball League history. He set and still holds scoring records for the Melbourne Tigers and Hobart Tasmanian Devils. He also played in the World Basketball League for the Youngstown Pride.

In other sports, Jim Rathburn of Carmichaels was on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour in 1974. On the links, Jefferson's Mike Adamson (Golden Bear and Gateway Tour) and Waynesburg's Robert Rohanna (Latino American and Web.com Tours) both played professionally. For almost a decade, Rachel Rohanna has played on the LPGA Tour circuits.

Given the importance and dominance of major league baseball in the first half of the 20th century, the County was well represented in the "big". Jake Hewitt (Carmichaels/Pirates), Charlie "Piano Legs" Hickman (Taylortown/Giants, Tigers, White Sox), and Alex Pearson (Greensboro/ Cardinals) all played in the majors around the turn of the century. From 1905 to 1937, Art Goodwin (Whitely/Highlanders/Yankees), Joe Knotts (Greensboro/Braves), Birdie Cree (Khedive/Yankees), Pete Knisely (Waynesburg/Reds and Cubs), Lee King



Doug Crouse

(Hundred/ Giants and Pirates), and Leon Pettit (Waynesburg/ Senators and Phillies) had successful careers. Two decades later, Cumberland Township's Steve Korcheck (Senators) and Jefferson's duo of Chuck Coles (Reds) and Dick Gray (Dodgers and Cardinals) made "the show."

The turbulence and tragedy of the 1940s kept another local product from "technically" becoming a major leaguer. However, Greene County's own version of Moonlight Graham will be explored in detail in a separate article next month.

**Correction:** In last month's *Intentional Walks*, Bob Albert's name was misspelled as Bob Alberts.

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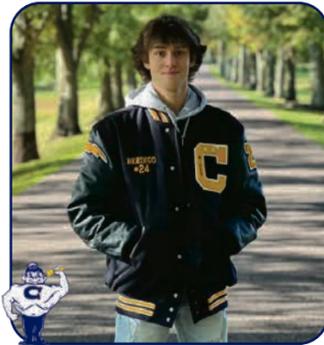
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SCAN ME

# BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE MONTH



Nathan Beringo is the son of Jason and Kristina Beringo of Carmichaels, Pa. Nathan is an active member of the National Honor Society, Leo Club and Senior Standing Committee. He plays for the Mighty Mikes baseball team and Greene County Allies summer travel baseball team. His hobbies include fishing and hunting. Nathan will be attending WVU in the fall to pursue a nursing degree.



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



Will Shipman is the son of Allan and Joann Shipman of New Freeport. He is a sophomore at West Greene and participates in basketball and baseball. He is a member of the Science Club and played on this year's playoff basketball team. Will enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time and operates heavy equipment for his father.



Kylee Davis is the daughter of Tyler and Jillian Davis of New Freeport. She is a freshman and participates in volleyball, girls' basketball and softball. Kylee helped the volleyball and basketball teams to the WPIAL playoffs, and hopes to get softball in this year as well. She is also a member of the Pioneers' FFA program and plays club volleyball in Morgantown.

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Carmichaels' alumnae Sophia Zalar had a very successful freshman year with the Penn State Fayette women's basketball team. She was named Second Team PSUAC All-Conference and received Honorable Mention USCAA All-American. In addition, she won the John Fritz Award and was named to the Dean's List, while maintaining a 4.0.



Former Mighty Mike 5k organizers all made it back for the race on April 20. The race benefitted the Humane Society of Greene County. 2018 - Cayleigh Pratt & Megan Walker, 2019 - Joseph Kurincaak & Grace Kerr, 2022 - Braelyn Brozi, 2023 - Ethan Mata, 2024 - Alayna Simon & Alexa Mori with teacher Mr. John Hess.



Congratulations to Jefferson-Morgan's Jase Bedilion and Dayten Marion for been named to the Post Gazette All-Section basketball team for the 2023-24 season.

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Art entries for the Greene County Fair in 2023.

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This year, there will be some changes to the entry process. Previously, entrants were charged 25 cents per entry for pre-entries. That fee was eliminated and all pre-entries are now free. The due date for pre-entries is July 24. Day of entries will still be accepted and will be \$1 per entry. Entrants can also enter online this year and save a stamp. The online entry form and the updated Home & Garden book should be available online around mid-May.

Calling all gardeners! Prepare your best vegetables, fruits, nuts, grains, and hays. Or enter the floral classes with flowering houseplants, foliage house plants, annuals, perennials, or various artistic arrangements of flowers.

If you prefer canning your harvest, there are classes for canned fruits, vegetables, meats, pickles, relishes, soups, sauces, syrups, and dried foods. Canners are now allowed two entries per class this year. Another section is available for butters, spreads, jams, jellies, marmalades, and preserves. If you create your own honey, maple syrup, beer, and wine, there's even a category for you.

Is baking more your thing? In addition to the special baking contests for angel food cake, apple pie, chocolate cakes and brownies, the fair offers a variety of ways to show off your baked products. Breads, rolls, cakes, cupcakes, candy, pies, noodles, chips, snack mix, cookies and even a cookie jar. Live judging for the baking contests will be held on Sunday evening after the vesper services,

during the opening day of the 2024 fair. "The live judging of the special baking contests is very popular. People like to see and hear the judge's reactions to the entries. The attendees also enjoy sampling the entries after judging is over," says Courtney Hursey, Greene County Fair Home & Garden Committee Member and Treasurer. "We are hoping more people will be able to participate in the competition and be there to see the show."

Crafters and artisans have plenty of competitions to choose from. Artists and photographers can enter their art covering multiple topics and many mediums, including acrylic, charcoal, mixed media, oil, pastel, pencil, watercolor, crayon, pen & ink, digital and more. If you're handy with a needle, there are classes for sewing, crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching, quilts, rugs and more. Other handcrafts include bead work, decorated items, dolls, leatherwork, jewelry, basketry, stained glass, gift wrapping, furniture making, and many more.

If you're looking for something a little more unusual, the wheelbarrow decorating contest is a perfect chance to show off your gardening and decorating skills. To enter, you'll need to create a garden in a wheelbarrow with live plants only. Decorations may be added to elaborate on your theme. Any size wheelbarrow can be used, and the wheelbarrow should be themed.

Another entertaining contest is the bucket of junk decorating contest. Got some empty buckets around and nothing to do with them? Time to get creative! Take your bucket and make it a work of art by welding, bolting, gluing, wiring, sanding, painting, and/or attaching it to more buckets. Once complete, the work of art must be self-standing. Buckets can be made of wood, plastic, or metal. Both the wheelbarrow and bucket contests will be judged on originality and overall appearance.

While most classes are staying the same as last year, there will be a few modifications. Classes have been added to the plastic block section to separate the kit-built items from the creative design items. They are also adding classes for machine embroidery and knitting.

Check-in/drop off will be on Sunday, August 4 from 8:30am to 3pm. Pickup will be the following Sunday, August 11 from 12 to 2pm. For more information, to submit your entries, or view the updated Home & Garden catalog, visit [GreeneCountyFair.org](http://GreeneCountyFair.org).

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# LIGHTING UP GREENE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND VETERANS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Throughout the month, various organizations will work to provide support, advocate for mental health policies that prioritize mental well-being, eliminate stigma, and promote public education about mental illness.

Team Hope, Together With Veterans Greene (TWV Greene), and Greene County Mental Health Program are teaming together to light the way for mental health for our community and veterans. During May, Greene County landmarks, businesses, and homes will light up green to raise awareness and show support for mental health. Why green? Green is to shine the light on mental health for the community and veterans.

Last year, System of Care Coordinator Melanie Trauth from the Greene County Mental Health Program brought the idea of a green light campaign back to the System of Care Partnership to discuss. After deciding it was a great idea, they started the campaign to address stigma in Greene County and to bring awareness to mental health and wellness. After hearing about the green light campaign last year, Chris Clark of TWV Greene reached out with an offer of partnership and this year's light up campaign was formed.

"We are asking the public to join the campaign, to help spread awareness and support. Mental Health is part of everyone's health and it's important to take care of your whole self. We want to shine a light on the stigma, let people know we care, and that help is available to anyone in need," says Greene County Mental Health Administrator Brean Fuller.

"Raising awareness is the goal of the campaign. We'd love to see businesses and local organizations get on board and turn their buildings and facilities green throughout May," says TWV Greene's Chris Clark.

It's not just TWV Greene, Team Hope, and Greene County Mental Health Program making this campaign happen—businesses and organizations from all over the county are banding together in support. VFW Post 4793 (Waynesburg), American Legion Post 400 (Carmichaels), and American Legion District 25 donated funds to purchase green LED light bulbs. Those organizations will also put green lights outside the post during May and serve as distribution points (starting mid-April) for green light bulbs. Waynesburg Electric Supply Inc. has sourced over 400 bulbs for the campaign.

The partnership is looking to add additional distribution points throughout the county. Chris is visiting multiple veter-

an organizations throughout April, asking them to turn their posts green and distribute bulbs.

They are also accepting donations for the campaign at distribution points throughout the county. If you would like to donate to the campaign, donate to the Community Foundation of Greene County and note "TWV Green Light Campaign" at the time of their donation. Any donations collected at the light distribution points around the county go to Team Hope and fund the vital work they do in bringing awareness to the issue of suicide.

Team Hope was formed by members of the Mental Health Program staff and three parents who lost their sons to suicide and wanted to raise awareness in Greene County. They are very involved in the community, especially with helping teenagers and young adults. You can often find Team Hope at Waynesburg University and local high school sporting events.

Together With Veterans Greene (TWV Greene) focuses on providing education and resources about suicide prevention and awareness to veterans, families, and care providers in our rural area. It's composed of veterans, family members, veteran advocates, providers, business owners, etc. "We want to promote the connection between veterans and the services they can call upon if needed," says Chris.

To promote that connection, TWV often holds events. Their most successful and enduring event is Coffee With Veterans. Coffee With Veterans provides a place for veterans to meet monthly, share stories and news, and connect with other veterans. It is held the second Saturday of every month from 8am to 10am, and the location changes as local businesses, veteran organizations, and churches graciously host the event.

There are no mental health lectures at these events, but the information is there. There are usually members with mental health care experience and clergy present as well.

"The partnership with Team Hope and Greene County's Mental Health Program was a logical move for us," says Chris. "Team Hope brings a similar message to adolescents, young adults, families, educators, and community members. Greene County Mental Health serves

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as a good tether for our organizations, providing guidance and resources available through the county to address mental health issues and suicide awareness."

There will be additional events during May to raise awareness. The Greene County Mental Health Program will host the 16th Annual Community Supports Program Wellness Conference at the Lion's Club Park on May 1 from 10:30am to 3:00pm. On May 30, they will host the 10th Annual Greene County Children's Mental Health Awareness picnic from 3-6pm at the Lion's Club Park. New this year, they will also host the first of four Crisis Intervention Team Trainings for First Responders from May 13 to 17.

"Keep your eye on us. September is Suicide Prevention Month. Don't be surprised to see another campaign between TWV Greene, Team HOPE, and Greene County Human Services in August," says Chris. "[And] we're always looking for new team members and partners in our efforts to bring awareness, education, and prevention to this issue."

Participants are also encouraged to use their green lights again in November to show support for veterans throughout that month.

If businesses want to turn their facilities green in May, contact info@twvgreene.org. For more information, contact System of Care Coordinator Melanie Trauth of Mental Health Program of the Greene County Human Services. You can reach her by calling 724-852-5276 x509, emailing metrauth@co.greene.pa.us or visiting the third floor of the Fort Jackson building in Waynesburg.

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## Liam Wants a Pet: Local Author Writes New Children's Book

By Alex Hughes

Many things can bring a young child joy. One of those things is reading a good book. Many exceptional children's books have been written over the years, coming from people of all backgrounds. Angela Wilson has finished her first book, *Liam Wants a Pet*. Wilson wrote the book, and her sister Roxanna Roberts illustrated it.

The book is about a young boy named Liam who really wants to get his first pet and has to learn about all the responsibilities that come with pet ownership. One of the book's key points is learning about the obligations that come with having and taking care of a pet. Other lessons the book teaches are that hard work pays off, and achieving your goals takes perseverance - the goals won't just happen for you. Wilson expects both children and adults can take that away from the book. She hopes to teach that with hard work, you can achieve whatever you set your mind to. Wilson herself was able to achieve a longtime goal she had with writing this book.

Wilson said she had wanted to write a book since she was younger. She recently took advantage of the opportunity and, with hard work, published the children's book. It took her about one and a half years to write it, finding time whenever she could to work on it. She said that besides it being a dream and goal of hers to write a book, there was another reason that she wanted to write it: she was writing the book for her children.

One of the hardest parts of the entire process was publication. It was not like any-



Angela Wilson reads her new book, *Liam Wants a Pet*, to her children.

thing that she had done before, and it took a lot of research and time. Like most new things, it was a learning process, but definitely worth it in the end to be able to say that she was an author who has a book now on the market.

If you would like to read the book, you'll find it at the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library to be checked out at any time. The book will also be available during a book signing at the Bowlby Library on May 7, at 5pm. Wilson will also have a reading at the library that evening. If you are not able to make it to May 7 signing, there will be another opportunity at the Barnes & Noble store in Morgantown, West Virginia. The Barnes & Noble signing is May 11 from 1pm to 5pm, with a book reading at 3pm. The books will be available to purchase at the signings for just \$15 each.

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# See You on Wednesdays! The Waynesburg Farmers Market Returns

As I scooted through alleys looking for a place to park and shop Waynesburg Farmers Market last May, I was on a mission. Spring was here. It was time to visit with old friends, find something homemade and delicious to eat, then grab some exotic plants for my garden, and make a dash for my car. Washington Street was closed to traffic for a block beside the courthouse to accommodate vendors and market shoppers. Harden Family Farm's big truck and rows of tables filled the corner next to High Street and new market manager Scott Hackenburg had his Pursley Creek Farm canopy pitched beside the courthouse wall. He had what I'd come looking for: exotic peppers and tomatoes of every color and size, along with native perennial wildflowers like columbine. Other vendors were selling their own spring collection of plants, flowers, fresh greens, and baked goods that have earned their own loyal following. A food truck at the end of the block was serving sandwiches to a line of office workers out for lunch. All in all, it was a perfect sunny spring day, the kind of day that makes farmers' markets such a beloved part of small town living.

Waynesburg's Wednesday market sells produce and products produced both locally and regionally. Over the years, its location has moved around the block, from the early years on Church Street, then to High Street in front of the courthouse steps, where street parking spaces were staked out by Waynesburg Borough for 15 minute shopping sprees. During Covid, the market moved to Washington Street, as vendors regrouped and tried to carry on. Hackenburg, who grew up in rural Snyder County and studied forestry at Penn State, retired from the Bureau of State Parks in 2021, just as Covid regulations were lifting. He and wife Rhonda decided to relocate to the Pittsburgh area— "We're big Steeler and Penguin fans!" —and chose Greene County "because of its location, rural character, and available farmland. Vegetable gardening was a big part of my life. I built my first greenhouse when I was 12 years old and sold vegetable and flower plants."

The ten-acre farm they bought near Oak Forest soon had a native plant nursery and a vegetable garden started. When Hackenburg came to the market in 2022 to vend and recognized its potential, becoming the market manager was a natural fit.

I don't shop for homegrown produce in the summer. (Where I live in West Greene, free zucchinis, cukes and tomatoes magically appear in your back seat when you visit friends!) So, when Hackenburg and his intrepid band of market vendors moved last July to Parking Lot #3, beside the



New market manager Scott Hackenburg of Pursley Creek Farm selling produce in 2022, "Raised Right Here" in Pennsylvania.

Denny House on High Street, I didn't notice. But when I went shopping in October, ready to grab enough sweet peppers and tomatillos to tide me through Thanksgiving feasts and winter salsas, I was delighted to find the market taking up a corner of Parking Lot #3 and pulled right in. It was like a family reunion. Gardens were being stripped, and the canners were out in force, getting the last of the produce stripped from the vine before winter. I found my crate of spectacularly colored peppers that begged to be stuffed and baked for Halloween and said, "Wow Scott! They're perfect!"

By Colleen Nelson

As Hackenburg helped me load boxes of produce into my Forester, he grinned. "I think we'll be back here next year."

On April 5, Hackenburg posted the good news we've been waiting for on the Waynesburg Farmers Market Facebook page.

"The Borough Council has just approved the Market for another season!" at Parking Lot #3, "every Wednesday, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. from May 15 to October 16."

And hey! If you want to try your hand, and heart, at marketing, the first one's free to new vendors.

"It's \$6 to set up for the day and some people might want to try it one time to see how they do," Hackenburg said when I called. This early in the season, growers are busy getting their crops in the ground between rainstorms, and applications are still coming in, he added. "I won't know yet who all's going to be here on opening day, but I know that we're in a better location. We were having issues with parking and public safety when we were on Washington Street. Now the street doesn't have to be blocked and parking signs don't have to be put up. Now we have room to grow."

As this story was going to press, Hackenburg texted me the vendors that have gotten back to him so far: Bliss Hollow Farms, Dyers Forks Farm, Harden Family Farm, Juliet's Empanadas, Plum Run Winery, Pursley Creek Farm, Sue's Bakery, What's Smokin' BBQ.

Stay tuned. As opening day gets closer, more vendors will report in on the market's Facebook page.

And yes, the recipe for dandelion dressing that Hackenburg has posted there is delicious with or without bacon crumbles.

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# Empowering Our Young Entrepreneurs

Ron Conway, notable start-up investor and founder of SV Angel, once said that “Any time is a good time to start a company.” And for three young entrepreneurs in Jefferson-Morgan School District, now is the perfect time to start.

Middle schoolers Chase Litman, Trenton Sowden, and Sam Chulick aren't waiting for later to get a start on their business. They're jumping into small business now, with a little help from the JM Hometown Advantage Grant. The three students are the first participants in the program.

The \$100 loan was funded by the Jefferson-Morgan Alumni & Friends association to support the students' businesses: TEC Baits (Chase and Trenton) and Crazy Caricature Drawings by Sammy Chulick. The loan helps the students with start-up costs, supplies, advertising, and more. Once their business starts making a profit, they begin paying back their loan until it is fully repaid. Their repayment helps other students receive startup funds, making the grant fund sustainable for future entrepreneurs.

Teacher Jodi Fulks wanted to help JM students learn about entrepreneurship, showcase the students' talents, and bring some business potential to our community. She and her husband helped her son create a business when he was 14 years old. “It was the best experience for him, and he learned so much in doing so. He currently still has that business, at 25, and is thriving,” Jodi says. “I wanted to share some of my experience in helping my son, with my

current students.”

She also hoped to build the students' confidence for future endeavors: “If the kids are trying to create a side business now, maybe they would be less timid to start a full-time business here in the future.”

The grant was originally intended for high school students only, whom Fulks could work with during PLT (personal learning time) weekly – but no high schoolers applied. Trenton and Chase were interested in the loan and approached Mrs. Fulks to ask about applying for the opportunity. Thanks to their enthusiasm, Fulks adapted the application process to include both middle and high school students. Afterwards, she reached out to Sam about starting an art business and encouraged him to apply, as well.

The students had to submit a pitch video to sell their business to Fulks. Both businesses that applied received the grant, and the funds are now available.

Although she can't meet with the middle school students during PLT time (it's only for high school students), Fulks meets with the boys periodically during and after school to help them improve their business, and “to help them make their businesses a success, so they will be able to pay it forward.”

“Mrs. Fulks has helped us out a lot,” Chase says. “She chips in, gives us ideas on where we could go next.”

“[A]ge does not matter - no matter how old you are, you can do anything if you set your mind to it! Just look at my son, and all the business owners here in Greene County. The sky is the limit!”

In addition to the JM Hometown Advantage Grant, the Jefferson-Morgan Alumni & Friends Association awarded other grants in December 2023. The grants were awarded to educators with innovative approaches, chosen based on their outstanding proposals and evaluated through a detailed rubric. Megan Pierce received a “Recycling Rockets” grant, and Madeline Loring received one for “Mathematics in the Real World – Culinary”.



Teacher Jodi Fulks led the initiative to make the grant available to students.

Sam Chulick loves to draw, and his grant has allowed him to start Crazy Caricatures by Sammy Chulick. Fulks reached out to him after opening the grant to middle schoolers and shared that she thought caricatures could be a great idea. “I really like drawing and money! And Mrs. Fulks said that there wasn't anyone around who did caricatures,” Sam says.

Sam prepared some samples, his video pitch, and talked with Fulks about how to start the business. He also began doing events. He started with a Book Prom event at the school, then did the JM craft show, Autism Walk, and JM Elementary Art Show. He hopes to do some additional events outside of Jefferson Morgan and will use his grant to buy supplies for future events.

For now, Sam hopes to keep his caricature business as a side job. “I'm involved in band and drama club, and I don't have that much extra time. I would also like to get more practice,” he says. “I really liked being able to do this and it did give me some extra money. I have learned how to talk to people and how to be a good salesman.”

While Sam isn't working with other businesses yet, “I would like to, if I could. I could maybe teach other kids how to draw.”



Sam Chulick will use his grant to buy supplies for his art business.

A year and a half ago, avid fishermen Chase Litman and Trenton Sowden were on a mission to find four-inch worms to use but couldn't find any at local stores. Instead of giving up, they decided to start making their own. They began making them for themselves, as well as giving to other people they knew. That's when they realized they could turn this hobby into a business.

The duo started packaging the worms and began advertising them on their Facebook page. They sell the worms at local events, and usually bring a couple packs to school to sell to other students. Their parents also help spread the word. They spend a few hours on the weekends making and packaging their merchandise.

Chase and Trenton plan to use the grant to buy supplies to increase their offerings. They hope to start doing three-inch worms, crawfish, and possibly even designing their own unique molds. “It allows us to experiment with different colors, different styles, and different color patterns,” Trenton says.

“We'd like to go into a store,” Chase says. Trenton adds, “A friend of our parents talked to Ozie's about being able to sell our baits there, and we have to go to talk to them.”

Other plans are eventually getting a warehouse space, and they hope that the business will grow large enough that they could reach stores such as Bass Pro Shops.

TEC Baits also sponsored the fishing derby at the Waynesburg Sportsmen Club in April. They provided bait packs, as well as live bait they dug up themselves.

How do they feel about being small business owners? “It's great,” both boys say in unison. “It feels really good to have that title on your name, to be an entrepreneur,” Trenton says.



Chase Litman and Trenton Sowden received a grant to support their business, TEC Baits.

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# ADVOCATING FOR AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN HORSES

By Amy Smith

For Julie Whipkey, owner/operator of Hoofprints & Angel Wings Rescue\* in Graysville, it all started with a Penny - a pony named Penny, that is - gifted to Julie by her grandfather.

Julie was a small child of three when she received Penny, a red and white Paint who lived to a ripe old age, due in no small part to Julie's loving care throughout the years. Since that time, Julie says, "Horses have been a huge part of my life."

At thirteen, Julie saved her money and bought her first auction horse at Hickory Auction in Hickory, PA - "a beautiful buckskin quarter horse I called Honey." Unbeknownst at the time, Julie had gotten a two-for-the-price-of-one deal with her \$500; the following year, Honey gave birth to a palomino colt that Julie named Dream Boy.

"Dream Boy became my aunt's trail partner, and Honey was my best friend...we made some great memories over the years." Both of these horses, like Penny, lived to a ripe old age.

Despite the distractions and responsibilities that adulthood brings, Julie never lost her passion for horses, especially when it came to saving them from an untimely demise.

"I knew about the horse slaughters, but I hadn't realized how bad it was," Julie relates. After she started researching the subject, she decided she needed to be a part of the solution. With mentoring from some "really amazing advocates," Julie was able to launch Hoofprints & Angel Wings, saving Jill, the first rescue, in 2016.

The United States had horse slaughtering plants up until as recently as 2007, when they were finally closed by State Statute (1). Despite this positive measure, however, unwanted horses are still being shipped out of the country for slaughter (to Canada and Mexico).

"Horse advocates are trying to get a law passed, known as the SAFE Act [Save America's Forgotten Equines Act], to prevent horses from being shipped [out of country] for slaughter," Julie says.

In 2016 alone, 114,091 horses were shipped to slaughter. In 2023, the number had declined to 17,997, which Julie believes directly results from rescues and sanctuaries.

Horses that populate the shipping lots are senior horses, or horses of all ages suffering from common ailments like navicular disease (a degenerative condition of the hoof), arthritis, or heaves (a respiratory disease similar to asthma in humans). Many of these horses, after some TLC from

people like Julie, could live out their remaining years in relative health in peaceful environments.

"The horses deserve a better life, and we are trying to give them that," Julie remarks.

Hoofprints & Angel Wings Rescue currently provides permanent sanctuary to twelve horses, with another horse due to arrive in mid-April.

As most of the rescues arrive underweight and in dire need of medical care, Julie arranges visits from an equine dentist, a farrier, and a veterinarian to assist with the daunting task of rehabilitation.

When donation and/or raffle funds fall short, Julie, who works full time at the hospital, dips into her own finances to cover these very necessary visits, as well as for the cost of feed and other expenses.

Hoofprints & Angel Wings Rescue obtained a 501c3 nonprofit status in 2022, which means that donations are now tax-deductible.

"We have changed so many horses' lives!" Julie exclaims. So many so that Hoofprints & Angel Wings motto has become Where We Make Comebacks Stronger Than Setbacks.

It's not just the horses' lives which improve, either.

"Our precious equines have changed a lot of [human] lives over the years," Julie reflects. "Horses have a sensitivity to human feelings, and equine therapy can be a very effective treatment [adjunct] for people suffering from depression, anxiety, trauma, ADHD, autism, and stress. We have several individuals whose lives have been changed by grooming, feeding, or just talking to the horses."

Hoofprints & Angel Wings is open to the public by appointment only. However, the rescue offers annual events like Halloween in the Barn (October date TBA) and Santa in the Barn (December date TBA). New events coming this summer include Meet & Greet at the Rescue: Hawaiian Style slated for June 8 from 12pm-3pm (admission is free!) and Kids' Day at the Barn scheduled for July 27 from 11am-3pm (\$5 per child, which includes lunch and a gift bag). Birthday parties can be booked from spring through fall, and volunteer opportunities are always available!

"Volunteers can come out and help groom and care for the horses," Julie says. "Folks can meet the horses and learn how we care for each one individually."

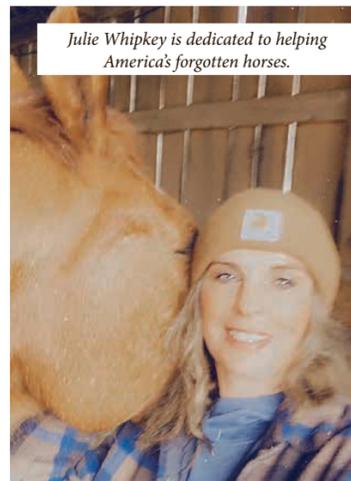
"Running a rescue isn't easy, and it's very costly. It has its tears, and it has its smiles. But," Julie says with a gleam of passion in her eyes, "I promise to love and care for each of them until their last breath."

To keep up with the latest news and events, as well as view the dramatic before-and-after photos of the rescues, follow the Hoofprints & Angel Wings Rescue page on Facebook! If you're not on Facebook but wish to learn more and/or book an event or private visit, you may call 724-428-4689.

\*Hoofprints & Angel Wings Rescue is a separate organization from the similarly named Angel Wings Horse Rescue owned/operated by Barbie McMinn of Jefferson.



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# Out and About During a Greene Spring: Enlow Fork & the 3rd PA Bird Atlas

By Colleen Nelson

When Easter came early on March 31, I was more than ready to take a Sunday drive to State Game Lands 302 just to see, pardon the pun, what's up. Ramps, those frisky aromatic wild leeks that spring festivals love to love, were showing, and my mouth was watering. I was ready to snack my way into spring, ready to search out nettles and dandelion greens and check along certain back roads where the wild ramps grow. The annual Spring Fling Wildflower and Bird Walk isn't until May 5, but today I was restless, eager to see how well steep, muddy Smokey Row Road had survived the winter. (Spoiler alert—very well, thank you! The slip was being repaired when I drove down, and the road will nicely be graded by May. Come and enjoy nature at its finest!)

Enlow Fork of Wheeling Creek flows between Greene and Washington counties through a sheltered valley that is deep, steep and utterly gorgeous in springtime. Birders and nature lovers have been pilgrimaging here for decades, and the stream is stocked for trout. The creation of State Game Lands 302 preserved the area's unique, wildlife-friendly habitat for the public to enjoy. Hundreds of years ago, indigenous tribes trekked through these hunting grounds, as the humongous sycamore "trail marker tree" that sits on the Washington County side of the creek can testify.

When settlers came, they farmed the broad bottomland. All that remains now are some foundation stones and clusters of non-native flowers—mainly daffodils—that show where the Fisher family farmhouse once looked down on the creek.

Smokey Row Road once connected Enlow valley to the rest of the world, from Walker Hill Road to the road to West Finley. Now it dead ends where it once crossed the creek for the second time. The remaining bridge spans a great stretch of riffles that are perfect for fly-fishing, surrounded by sycamore and buckeye trees. After the stream is stocked in mid April, wildflowers—trillium, squirrel corn, Dutchman's breeches, trout lily, toad flax, phlox, geranium, Virginia bluebells, Greek valerian, larkspur, blue eyed Mary—carpet the valley. Today, early spring beauties and purple horse nettle are busy pushing through the leaf litter. But a single cluster of purple phlox beside a sycamore and one half-opened trillium against the bank let me know that spring was getting ready for the show. High above the trees, an eagle circled. Somewhere nearby, its chicks are already hatched and hungry. Soon the forest

canopy would be filled with other nesters, including the elusive southern warblers that venture this far north to breed. When birders descend on Enlow valley on May 5, they will be busy counting those species for Pennsylvania Bird Atlas 3, a count that will go on statewide for the next five years.

When the first five-year Atlas happened in the 1980s, secluded Enlow valley was discovered to be a priority nesting area, especially for warblers. From then on, the annual wildflower walk slash bird watch became a popular event.

When the Atlas 2 Bird Count finished up in 2009, the differences in nesting populations in 20 years showed species and population decline throughout the state as land usage continued to change.

Those first two counts depended on reports being filed on paper, using cumbersome maps, gridded to mark the 77 three-mile-square "blocks" that make up

Greene County's count zones. Today, this data can be filed online and Atlas 3 has added a winter count to further monitor the health of our native species.

Members of the Ralph K. Bell Bird Club and other regional clubs and organizations that are familiar with the ins and outs of becoming citizen scientists will be at Enlow on May 5 to answer questions about Merlin and eBird, two apps created by Cornell University that turn smart phones into data gathering tools.

Support for this important environmental project comes from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and Audubon.

For those new to birding, Merlin can record unfamiliar bird songs, then send them to more experienced birders to verify and document. Atlas 3 coordinator Amber Wiewel told me this and more when I contacted her at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Kempton, PA.

Wiewel agrees that Atlas 3 is a significant chance for local universities, school districts, scout groups and libraries in our area to include students for the next five years. "We are so



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excited to have the support of birders and educators in Greene County who are not only contributing data to the Atlas but also incorporating birding and Atlasing into their educational programs to help produce the next generation of birders and environmentalists!"

Birders will be in the field as early as 7:30am. Dress for the weather, bring your birding gear, including lunch and a folding chair. Guided wildflower walks begin at 10am. Wheeling Creek Watershed Conservancy will have tables set up with snacks, drinks and information about Atlas 3, along with seeds and suggestions for establishing pollinator pathways with native plants. Each year, WCWC funds the portable toilet that is left onsite for the weekend and throughout the following week to accommodate visitors who come on their own time to visit Enlow.

Google: pa atlas 3 for a wide range of webpages and organizations that are connected to this project. Email Ralph K Bell Bird Club, rkbellbirdclub@yahoo.com to participate in the ongoing Washington/Greene County counts.

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