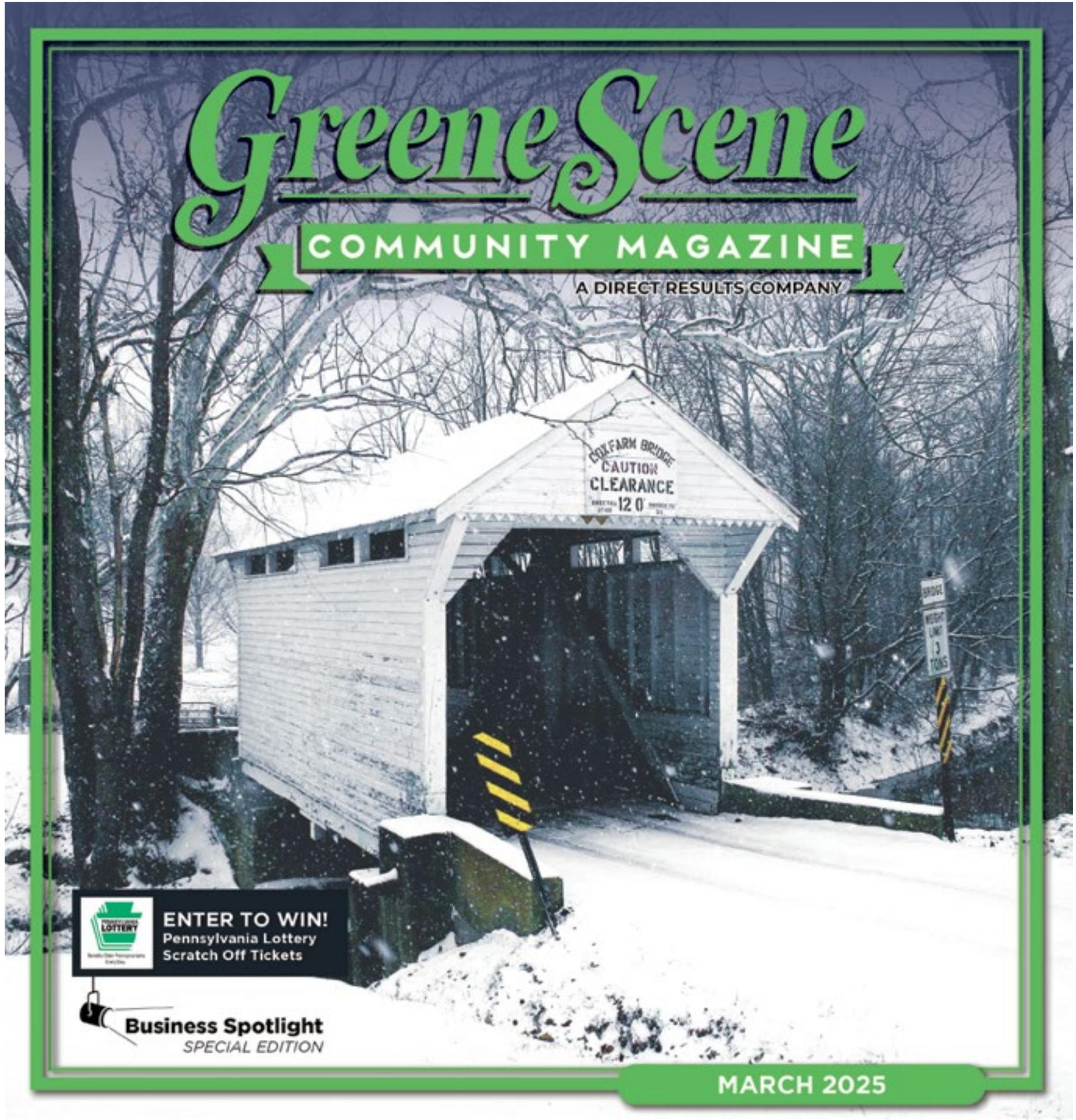


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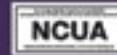
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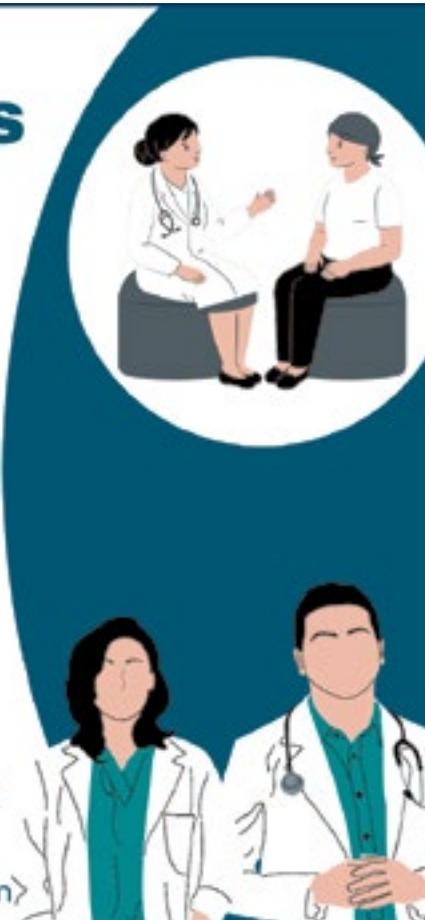
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# Town Square Thoughts

By Bret Moore

## Continued Political Cooperation Needed to Reform School Funding Formulas

Homeowners across Greene County and Pennsylvania are paying billions in school property taxes. However, several new ideas and proposals aim to eliminate those taxes and shift the burden to the state.

In some districts in Pennsylvania, more than 60% of the school's operating budget relies on local property taxes. The state average is 46% (only 7.7% comes from federal funding). Unfortunately, for many of our residents, school taxes are a major financial strain. Higher taxes also constrain growth by disincentivizing people to move here.

One proposed solution in Harrisburg would eliminate school property taxes through a constitutional amendment. If voters approve the amendment, the majority of funding for schools would come from the state. However, questions remain about how the state would make up for the lost billions of dollars.

Some proposals on the table include raising the state income tax or increasing the statewide sales tax.

There are four states that currently rely on some form of state sales tax to primarily fund schools. Virginia, Michigan, Tennessee, and Texas vary in their approaches, but all have formulas that attempt to shift the tax burden from local property taxes.

Decisions would need to be made on which items would be taxed. Increases in so called "sin taxes" and legalizing marijuana are usually more popular than across the board taxes. However, Governor Rendell originally sold legalized gambling as the panacea that would eliminate school property taxes. We see how well that worked out.

Furthermore, a Commonwealth Court judge recently ruled the system Pennsylvania uses to fund its public schools is unconstitutionally inequitable. She ordered it to be overhauled but didn't say precisely how. She left that up to the legislature, executive branch, and educators.

Since then, a bipartisan legislative commission studied the issue. After a series of statewide hearings, the panel approved a report that proposed pouring billions of new dollars into the state's K-12 education system. Many lawmakers from both parties agreed on at least one thing: More state education funding is necessary.

Last year, the legislature passed a cooperative funding bill that addressed many of the problems with "equity funding". At present, the commonwealth is sitting on an educational budget surplus due to federal pandemic aid and higher than expected tax revenue. The size of the state's reserves and the potential future financial obligations to meet the court order have supercharged the debate heading into budget negotiations.

Unfortunately, the state's Independent Fiscal Office has predicted growing educational deficits beginning as soon as next year. Policy analysts across the political spectrum have acknowledged that Pennsylvania's annual expenses continually outgrow annual tax revenues

Some of the new spending went to underfunded districts to ease property tax burdens in high-tax districts, funding for school infrastructure upgrades, and expanded mental health resources. Add in annual increases to keep up with inflation, and that surplus goes quickly.

Complicating any tax increase discussion is a provision in the Pennsylvania Constitution known as the "uniformity clause," which prevents lawmakers from levying higher taxes solely on higher earners. Statewide polling found the most popular op-

tion to pay for increased education funding was raising taxes on the rich. However, if enacted, such a proposal would likely be found unconstitutional by the PA Supreme Court -as it was in the 1930s. As a result, Pennsylvania has the 4th most regressive tax structure in the nation, according to a recent report by the Institute on Taxation

Pennsylvanians pay an average of \$6,259 each year in state and local taxes. This disproportionately impacts the bottom 20% of households (those making less than \$22,100 a year), who pay 15.1% of their household income in taxes. That's the highest burden on the bottom quartile of earners in the country. Meanwhile, the top 1% of earners in Pennsylvania (those who make more than \$746,300) pay only 6% of their annual income to state and local governments in taxes.

Educational funding is not a simple problem as is further illustrated by the "adequacy target" - another Commonwealth Court ruling that states all students must receive a "thorough and efficient" education when it comes to the resources needed to meet state standards. A study by Penn State found that Pennsylvania's schools are underfunded in this regard by 6.2 billion dollars, with the majority of underfunded schools in poor districts.

It will come as no surprise that even after (or if) this money is allocated, Republicans and Democrats will struggle in implementing the changes because they differ on interpretations of the "school code" and how the money should be spent.

Some believe charter school reform could be part of the solution to fair funding. School districts are responsible for paying the tuition of students who live in their district who choose to attend cyber school.

Many educators believe this is nothing more than a misguided subsidy for a private business model. During the 2022-23 school year, Pennsylvania cyber charters spent more than \$21 million on advertising and gift cards. One particularly poor-performing school owns more than 40 buildings with assessed values of over \$43 million.

Even though cyber charter schools don't have the same costs associated with brick-and-mortar schools (physical classrooms, energy costs, food service, maintenance, or transportation), they get paid the same per-student rate as the local public school district's budget.

Moreover, students enrolled in Pennsylvania cyber charter schools are less likely to graduate. Last year, the state's cyber charter schools had an overall graduation rate of 65% compared to 88% across traditional school districts. In addition, students at public schools are more proficient in reading, math and science than those at cyber charters.

No doubt there will be other contentious items on spending including school security and safety, mental health programs, and procedural and behavioral initiatives. However, regardless of the outcome of this morass of red tape and philosophical differences, we need to have Harrisburg continue to pick bipartisan low-hanging fruit on educational funding reform if our local schools are to survive.

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Their 5th Annual Greene County Dodgeball Tournament is right around the corner, and the organization is looking for teams and sponsors to help support Growing Up Greene's programs. Teams from across Greene County will meet on April 5th at the EQT Rec Center in Waynesburg, PA to battle for the chance to take home the COALBIE Cup! There's no greater prize and no better cause! GUG is asking readers to organize a team to compete for glory, sponsor a STEM learning raffle, or just bring the family for a fun afternoon of community sportsmanship while they crown this year's champion! Scan the QR code in the ad, visit their website [GrowingUpGreene.org](http://GrowingUpGreene.org), or check out their Facebook page to sign up for a team or get additional information.




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*Tom Palko, President and Owner of Mighty Dog.*

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## ACTIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: THE HEARTBEAT OF A THRIVING TOWN

A strong community is not built on convenience—it's built on connection, support, and shared experiences. When we choose to engage, whether by attending local events, supporting small businesses, or even volunteering we create something far greater than ourselves. We build trust, foster collaboration, and cultivate personal growth.

But community involvement isn't just about giving back—it's about enriching our own lives. Studies prove that those who actively participate in their communities experience greater happiness, lower stress levels, and a deeper sense of purpose. When we interact with diverse individuals, we gain fresh perspectives, uncover new opportunities, and strengthen the very foundation of our town.

Yet, for all the effort that goes into planning local events meant to bring people together, nothing is more discouraging than an empty room. It takes passion, dedication, and countless hours to create these opportunities for connection. The solution is simple: attend just one local event a month. Show up. Sup-

port those working tirelessly to improve our community. Be a part of something bigger than yourself.

This is especially true for small businesses—the backbone of our local economy. These businesses were built on risk and ambition. They create jobs, pay taxes, and give back to the communities they serve. They sponsor little league teams, contribute to fundraisers, and invest in the places we call home. Now, imagine a town without small businesses. No family-owned coffee shops, no local boutiques, no friendly faces behind the counter—just empty storefronts and lost opportunities.

Sometimes, I worry that Greene County is headed in that direction. I know how easy it is to order online or drive out of town for a meal. But before you do, pause for a moment and ask yourself: Can I buy this in my town? If the answer is yes, choose to support a local business.

I often hear complaints that Greene County doesn't have enough great restaurants or shops. But here's the reality: businesses

thrive when communities show up—not just once a year, but consistently. Running a small business isn't easy. (Next month, I'll share my own experiences as a business owner and the hard truths that go on behind the scenes.)

As a business leader in this community, I know firsthand the impact of local support. Every time someone walks through the doors of Direct Results or The Denny House, it

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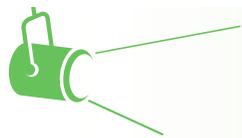
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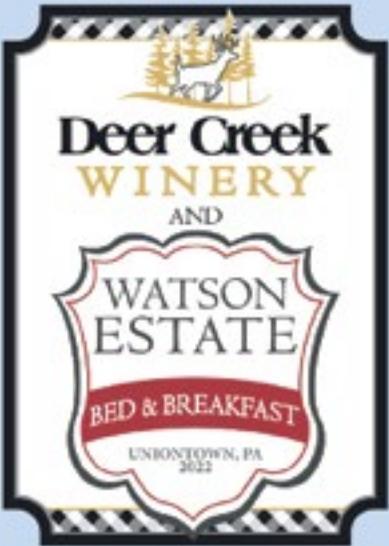
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By Bret Moore

The **Greene County Family Center** is committed to strengthening local families. Those goals are at the heart of everything they do. This year, they introduced their Passion Projects, which according to the Center's Administrator, Michael Holloway, have brought fresh perspective and creative solutions to address the unique needs of many local families. Holloway continued, "These initiatives are a testament to the innovative spirit of our team and the unwavering support of our community partners. We've also forged impactful partnerships with organizations like Growing Up Greene and the United Way. Together, we are expanding access to essential resources, creating opportunities for growth, and building a stronger foundation for every family in Greene County."

The Center has many programs, services, and opportunities designed with your family's well-being in mind. From evidence-based parenting programs to community-driven activities, they support and empower you every step of the way.

The Center is committed to the Parents as Teachers (PAT) model which is dedicated to early childhood development and parent education. The vision of Parents as Teachers is that all children will grow and develop to reach their full potential.

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Their Kindergarten Club eases the transition to school. The Center partners with all five local school districts, to help ease the transition by introducing children to classroom routines, early learning concepts, and social skills—all while supporting parents with valuable resources to make the first school experience a success.

Library Story Time is a collaboration with the Fleniken Library offering interactive story sessions, engaging activities, and early learning strategies that help parents nurture a love of reading. Other events such as such as Touch-A-Truck, Night at the Barnyard, Community Baby Shower, Sensory Santa, and more, offer families exciting hands-on experiences, allowing children to explore and learn in a fun, interactive settings.

Parenting classes are also offered. Class scheduling is flexible and offered in-home to parents. Each class has 5 sessions covering areas from prenatal to 12 years old.

New parents learn about infant development and practical day-to-day questions. Some of the topics covered are bonding, handling stress, babies' cues, safety/nutrition, swaddling, second-hand smoke, pets, choking hazards, and car seat safety. The classes also cover helping children develop self-esteem, responsibility, and cooperation. Parents will learn techniques for positive discipline. Other topics covered are parenting styles, stages of development, dad's role, temper tantrums, anger/aggression, and immunizations.

There are also sessions for active parenting for teens. Discussions focus on current topics that teens face and how to address these problems with your teen. Topics covered are drugs/sexuality/violence, self-esteem, peer influence, mutual respect/responsibility, consequences, and detecting drug use.

Parenting for teens who are expecting can feel overwhelming, but the Center offers confidential and complimentary parenting classes to provide the support and guidance needed to navigate this journey. These classes offer a judgment-free environment where teens can ask questions, connect with others in similar situations, and gain practical tools for raising a healthy, happy child.

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## School Bus Transformed into Cozy Airbnb by Local Couple

By Steve Trettel

Nestled along a quiet gravel road and overlooking a small lake, a new Airbnb location has driven onto the scene. Holbrook natives Daniele and Chris Frye have turned a retired school bus into a cozy home away from home, with plans to expand their operation, called Blessed Valley Lodging, in the future.

Daniele, who has worked as a school bus driver at West Greene High School for over 18 years, said the idea was providential. "I'd been working a few different jobs, and I was up here one day. I love the pond area, and I stayed across the pond and prayed. I feel like God gave me this vision to put a bus up here," she said.

Her husband Chris, who was less than sure at first, gradually warmed to the idea through prayer and Daniele's consistent requests. The two then set off to transform their property into the perfect Airbnb.

According to Danielle, the bus is a retired Bluebird model, which she acquired for a very reasonable price. Once the bus was acquired, the first step was to apply for a business loan through the Greene County Industrial Development Authority (IDA), which grants low-interest loans to small businesses to help them get on their feet. She said the process began in January 2020, and they received the \$50,000 loan in June of the same year.

In the meantime, they began to prepare the bus, pulling out seats, floor insulation, and wall paneling. "When we were gutting it before we got the loan, I kept doubting," Frye said. "I thought maybe we're not going to be able to do it. Then when I was removing the seats, I found this cross. So, I took a picture of it and kept it on the bus. That was my confirmation that God was telling me it's going to be OK."

After that, everything fell into place. Chris, who had a career's worth of experi-

ence in commercial construction, used his technical knowledge to implement Daniele's ideas. Working together, they renovated the bus. They built what they could and paid for the rest. They also had friends pitch in to help.

According to Chris, the project's most expensive aspect was the insulation. They hired professionals from the Pittsburgh area to install it. Additionally, the couple installed a 200-amp electrical pole several yards away to heat the bus and power the equipment inside.

"There's probably just shy of 1,000 feet of electric wire in this bus," Chris said. Indoor plumbing was installed through the walls of the bus to pump water to the sink, shower, and toilet. Finally, a new roof was added to cover the whole thing.

Daniele designed the bus, which they christened Blessed

Memories, with a bluebird theme inside the bus to match the bus's model. Painted white tree branches line the windows, nest-like lighting fixtures hang over the dining room table and feathers decorate the bedside table. The bus comes fully stocked with a sink, oven, fireplace, electric stovetop, bathroom, shower and multiple televisions, in addition to countless other amenities. "I try to improvise every little corner that we could use to make it like a home," she said.

The couple has welcomed three guests to their lakeside Airbnb so far, and they hope to grow their client list through the year. Additionally, the Frye's have been discussing hosting community events like family fishing days, Christian retreats, and retreats for abused individuals. "I think you have to reach out and give too, not just always thinking you're going to do something to take," Daniele said.

The couple's plans have not just ended at one school bus. Daniele said their IDA loan was initially meant to refurbish two buses, not just one. "That's the problem with construction," Chris said. "You always need more than you think you do." Despite the loan covering only the first bus, the couple still plans to refurbish the second once their investment starts to pay off.

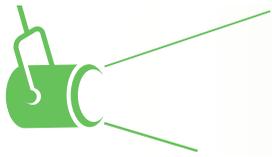
"We already have the second bus purchased." She added they plan to design the bus with a rustic theme and name it Blessed Freedom. While Blessed Memories was designed with couples in mind, the new one will be much more family-oriented with bunk beds and a master bedroom attachment.

"I definitely think it's worth the value that we have for nightly stays, just because of everything that is provided." Currently, Airbnb lists the rental price as \$180 per night.

To learn more, visit the Blessed Valley Lodging Airbnb page.



Chris and Daniele Frye, Owners of Blessed Valley Lodging.



# PW AUTO SALES AND SERVICE

PW Auto Sales and Service is a local, small business owned and operated by Pat Westich. They have been providing quality service in Waynesburg since 1983. PW Auto offers amazing deals on pre-owned cars and provides great service to customers. Their service department offers the best in automotive service to their customers, and their facility features current diagnostic and repair equipment. Their highly skilled technicians will deliver the most efficient and quality vehicle care. If you're in need of a new vehicle, or simply some service to your current vehicle, you can call PW at 724-852-2023.

If you are in the market for a car, they have a virtual showroom on their website, consisting of their current inventory available for purchase, which currently boasts a 2011 Ford F-150

for \$11,000, and a 2015 Ford Transit Connect for \$8,900. They also give great value on trade-ins. If interested, you can find the value of your trade-in on their website, pwautoservice.com.

Westich is proud of the atmosphere at PW Auto. He wants people to know that they run a very honest business and stand behind any sales or service they provide. "We're pretty laid back around here and easy to get along with. We are flexible and understanding, which creates a positive atmosphere when buying such an important purchase." In addition, it's stated on their website that their customers' buying experience is their number one priority. Whether it is your first purchase with them or one of many that you've had, you can count on their dedicated sales staff to make it the best buying experience possible.

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# iw Startable Inspiring Young Innovators

By Pamela Marisa

Startable is a free program designed to empower young minds by guiding them through the process of developing hardware product ideas and pitching them to a panel of judges. Participants not only gain valuable entrepreneurial experience but also have the chance to win awards and prize money for their innovative concepts. The program was hosted at **The Way Community Center of Greene County**.

As part of this exciting journey, students and their parents visited **Innovation Works in Pittsburgh, PA**, where they explored the cutting-edge Robotics Factory—a rare opportunity to engage with advanced technology and creative problem-solving in action.

Startable is all about fostering entrepreneurship and encouraging kids to think big! In our pilot year, both of our Greene County teams excelled, securing multiple awards and earning a combined total of \$2,500 in prize money. Their dedication, creativity, and problem-solving skills truly set them apart!

## Celebrating Our Young Innovators

### Container Estates

**Best Design – 2nd Place | Best Innovation – 2nd Place | Best Presentation – 3rd Place**

Teammates Zachary Butler, Isaiah Griffioen, and Keith McCarty developed the concept for Container Estates, a sustainable housing solution using recycled shipping containers. Their idea aimed to address the housing shortage in disaster-stricken areas, providing temporary homes for individuals

affected by emergencies such as wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters. Their innovative and socially impactful project earned them multiple awards in the Startable program.

### Projector Glasses

**Trailblazer Award (Specialty Award for World-Changing Ideas) | Best Innovation – 3rd Place**

Teammates Allison Ross, Quinn Romesburg, and Addonae Johnson created the concept for Projector Glasses—a visionary idea designed to project digital images into the real world, functioning like a virtual whiteboard. The team identified a key challenge faced by structural engineers, like Quinn's father, Mike Romesburg, who needed a convenient way to visually present building designs to clients. Their innovation allows engineers to showcase completed structures before construction even begins, making it a groundbreaking concept. Their efforts were recognized with the prestigious Trailblazer Award for its potential to change the world.

We are immensely proud of these young innovators and their incredible achievements! Their success in the

Startable program highlights the power of creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving in shaping the future.



Pictured (L to R): Addonae Johnson, Quinn Romesburg, Allison Ross, Keith McCarty, Zachary Butler, and Isaiah Griffioen.

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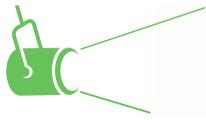
The Washington Symphony Orchestra (WSO) is set to captivate audiences with its upcoming concert, “The Great Outdoors”, on March 8 and 9. The repertoire will include favorites from across genres, including Vivaldi’s “Spring”, music from Yellowstone, “Here Comes the Sun”, and more. This nature-inspired performance will highlight a special Side-by-Side Education Program featuring talented high school musicians, as well as a unique ukulele ensemble performance.

The Side-by-Side Education Program offers young musicians a rare opportunity to perform alongside experienced musicians in a real concert setting. This initiative not only provides valuable experience but also fosters the next generation of musicians. “The Side-By-Side program is not only an invaluable learning experience for the students, but it

also deepens the community connection and celebrates the future of music,” said Cassandra Muhr, General Manager of the WSO.

Adding an unexpected twist to the event, around seventy ukulele players from across the country, including members of Steel City Ukuleles, will take the stage. Their lively performance will showcase contemporary favorites and demonstrate the symphony’s commitment to diverse musical styles.

The concerts will be held at the Olin Fine Arts Center at Washington & Jefferson College. Tickets are available at [www.washsym.org](http://www.washsym.org) or by phone at 412-512-1662. With free admission for children 12 and under and discounts for seniors and students, “The Great Outdoors” promises to be a must-see event for music and nature lovers of all ages.



# KNIGHTS FARM SUPPLY

Start your planning for the 48th Annual Spring Open House at Knight's Farm Supply in Glen Easton, West Virginia: March 20, 21, & 22. If you're thinking about buying a new tractor, or any equipment, it's the best time of the year to make your deal. You'll get some of the best pricing of the year, as well as excellent financing opportunities on everything a busy farmer or gardener needs to get ready for spring. Knight's will also offer hot lunch all day Thursday & Friday, with curbside service available for parts orders.

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"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 sister Kollins... Please come and enjoy it."

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## Fayette County Community Action Agency Announces Free Winter Training Opportunities for Adults Ages 55+

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### Computer Basics

Explore the Windows® 10 operating system, basic features and terms; create documents, send emails, browse the internet and share information between systems and other users.

Uniontown: 3-Hour Sessions, 9 am to noon will be held: March 7th.

### Microsoft Word®

Explore capabilities; create, edit, format simple documents, add tables, lists, design elements; understand layout options; learn proofing abilities.

Uniontown: 4-Hour Sessions, 10 am to 2 pm will be held: March 14th & March 21st.

### Microsoft Excel®

Explore essential features; create, manage and edit worksheets/workbooks; create formulas, manage data; format worksheets to prepare, set-up and print information.

Uniontown: 4-Hour Sessions, 10 am to 2 pm will be held: March 28th & April 4th

All Uniontown sessions will be held at Westmoreland County Community College's Fayette Education Center that is co-located at 140 North Beeson Avenue in Uniontown with Fayette County Community Action Agency.

All services are provided at no cost to residents and employers. For more information on services available and/or to register for classes, contact Project Manager Kevin VanVerth at 724.430.6413 ext. 3284 or email [kvanverth@fccaa.org](mailto:kvanverth@fccaa.org).

## Lions Club WCHS Students of the Month

The WCHS Lions Club students of the month are Bella Haas and Bailey Rafferty. Bailey is the daughter of Jeremy and Kelly Rafferty of Dilliner. She is a member of Yearbook, Alpha Beta, Prom Committee, Envirothon, Youth Alive, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. Bailey loves to play volleyball. She is a member of the varsity team as well as the Rise Volleyball Academy. She has been honored as an AAU Academic All-American, 3X All-County athlete, 3X All-Section athlete, 2X All-WPIAL team, and selected to the All-State team. She has also won the Student-Athlete Academic Award.

Outside of school, Bailey serves as a volunteer coach for Rise Volleyball Academy and works for Plum Crazy Motorsports. She is a member of the St. Matthias Parish.

She also enjoys the field of digital marketing. Bailey's plans are to attend Frostburg State University and major in Emerging Media while continuing her volleyball career.

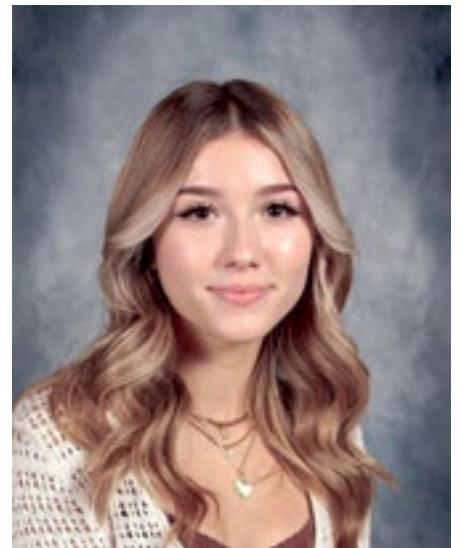
Bella Haas is the daughter of Ashley and Colin Haas of Waynesburg. She has earned a perfect 4.0 GPA through high school. Bella has stayed very active at WCHS. She has been a member of the art and ski clubs. Bella has also lettered in cross country and track. She has earned medals for her work on the 4x800m relay team.

Outside of school, Bella loves going to the gym, shopping and drinking Starbucks. She enjoys all aspects of art, including making movies and doing her makeup. Bella attends the First Church of the Nazarene.

Bella has worked as a lifeguard at the Waynesburg Waterpark and as a summer camp counselor at the EQT Rec Center. Her plans are to attend Waynesburg University and earn her BSN for Nursing. She intends to pursue a career as a nurse anesthetist.



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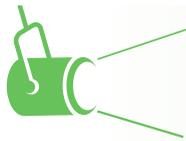
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“For over 27 years, Morris Machinery has serviced the tri-state area,” Morris said. “We are proud to have served several satisfied customers over the years.”

Since the beginning, Morris Machinery has grown from selling pre-owned tractors to being a fully functioning shop ready to satisfy their customers. They now carry two tractor lines: TYM and Zetor – boasting an impressive range of options from small utility tractors to heavy duty farm tractors and agricultural machines. These tractor lines boast durability, strength, comfort, and quality, making you productive at your work.

Along with their tractors, Morris Machinery also offers several lines of new equipment from brands such as IronCraft, Sitrex, 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.

Morris Machinery takes equipment on trade year-round. 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.

In addition to their tractor lines, they also carry a full line of Gravely Zero-Turn and Walk-Behind mowers as well as the Gravely JSV side by side vehicles and Axis utility loaders. You can deck out your Job Site Vehicle for work, snow removal, or the emergency needs of your local fire department. Gravely Axis, a multi-tool machine that puts a heavy emphasis on “multi” with multiple attachments available.

Through March 2, Gravely is having a sale on all of their stand on mowers with their Stand Strong Sales Event. Starting March 17, Gravely will have their Mow the Distance Sale on all of their Commercial mowers with special financing available.

“With our Gravely Stand Strong Sales Event, we can give you up to \$650 dollars off Stand On mowers,” said Morris. “Zero percent for 60 months on T224 and low-rate financing of 3.99% for 84 months for all other TYM Tractors.”

Their service department offers parts and repairs on many makes or models. Benjamin Morris is the Parts and Service Manager, who has been part of the business nearly all of his life. He is a Mechanical Engineer and a Master Mechanic. Don’t want to do the routine maintenance on your mower or tractor yourself? They can take care of that for you too.

If you have a tractor that you can’t get running, Morris Machinery’s highly trained technicians can rebuild engines to get your equipment running good as new. They have their own honing machine onsite, allowing them to install oversized pistons and rings. Their goal is to get your equipment running like new so that you can get the job done quickly and efficiently.

“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. Twenty-seven years later, family is still vitally important. No matter how things have changed, it is the family atmosphere of Morris Machinery that keeps customers coming back.

“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 passed, our employees have become family and carry on that tradition to this day.”

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](http://morrismachinery.com), email them at [morriss00@windstream.net](mailto:morris00@windstream.net), or connect with them on Facebook at [facebook.com/morrismachinery823](https://facebook.com/morrismachinery823).

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## Groundhog Cookie

We all know that the stretch of time from early January to April when the weather turns bright feels like an eternity. Being cooped up in the house while the weather is cold and miserable can be stressful, and with children, chaotic. However, Martha Westich found a way to make this stretch of time a bit more fun. About 35 years ago when her children were young, she had the idea to make a bunch of cookies on Groundhog Day, since it falls right in the middle of that stretch of time. By making a variety of cookies with her family, she found a way to not only make the day fun for herself and her children, but also for others

in her community. Martha and her children gave the cookies to people in their community, such as local businesses, their church, and their local library. Along with the cookies, Martha’s children would also write a poem to go along with the cookies. Now that her kids are grown up and have kids of their own, her grandchildren have taken over writing the poems. They have taken the Groundhog Day tradition onto the next generation and added their own touch to it, by adding a picture to the cookies. After hearing Martha’s story, it’s become clear sometimes all it takes to make it through those rough winters is something as small as a cookie.



Martha Westich and her famous “Groundhog Day” cookies.

## Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application Now Available

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications from graduating seniors for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship they will award this May in the amount of \$1,500.

The scholarship program is open to any Greene County resident who will be a graduating high school senior in 2023.

The Chamber urges all high school seniors who have been accepted to a college or technical school as an incoming freshman this fall and have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or its equivalent while in high school to apply for this scholarship.

Applicants will be required to write an essay and furnish a completed application and letter of acceptance. Application instructions are available to be printed directly from the Chamber website at [www.greenechamber.org](http://www.greenechamber.org). The top scoring applicants may be interviewed by a panel of judges as part of the application process.

Completed applications must be submitted by email no later than Thursday, April 1. The winner will be announced in early May.

For more information, please contact the Chamber office at 724-627-5926 or email to [melody@greenechamber.org](mailto:melody@greenechamber.org).

## News for Readers

There is an adult book exchange box and a children's book exchange box at the corner of Colonial Drive and Rinehart Lane in Colonial Plan, Franklin Township.

## Master Gardeners

The Master Gardeners will hold a Spring Garden Seminar on March 22, 2025, from 8:30-12:30 at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Topics include: Vegetable Gardening, Spring Wild Flowers, and Growing Berries.



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# Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN GREENE COUNTY SPORTS

A quarter of a century used to seem like a significant period of time to me. I mean, realistically, it is one-third of the average lifespan. However, when I look back at sports in the county these events seem like yesterday.

On the local diamonds, the Carmichaels' women had a successful year, going 10-7 and beating Chartiers-Houston in the opening round of the playoffs. The Waynesburg Raiders' baseball team won their section for the third year in a row and finished 15-3. They reached the WPIAL Championship game at Three Rivers Stadium before falling to Canevin 1-0 in a pitchers' dual for the ages. Lee Fritz lost his only game of the season after the Raiders left two men on base in the final inning. Fritz was named First-Team All-State and graduated with a .475 career batting average.

On the gridiron, the Raiders picked up in the new decade right where they left off after their 1999 WPIAL title. After an undefeated regular season, they easily defeated New



Lee Fritz

Brighton (26-6), North Catholic (32-14) and Center (41-15) in the playoffs. In the championship game at Three Rivers Stadium, they faced traditional AA power Aliquippa. They lost a tough 14-6 decision after star quarterback Lee Fritz was knocked out of the game with a shoulder injury in the first half.

The Carmichaels Mikes also won the Tri-County Conference title that year. The 2000 squad finished the regular season undefeated before losing to Duquesne in the first round. At one point that season, the defense went 23 consecutive quarters without giving up a point. They allowed only 20 total points in the regular season.

On the hardwood, the West Greene Lady Pioneers won the 1999-2000 section title after an 18-6 record and qualified for the playoffs. Jackie Methany finished her career that season with 1,419 points.

At Jefferson-Morgan, Calvin Wilson (1,684) and Tommy Curtis (1,008) both joined the 1,000 Point Club. The team also had success, winning section titles in both 2000 and 2001. The 2000 team received a first-round bye and

defeated Serra Catholic in the quarterfinals 53-48. They lost a tough 53-49 game to Cornell in the semi-finals but qualified for the PIAA Tournament. After defeating Forbes Road 65-47 in the opening round, they fell to eventual state champion Kennedy Christian.

The Maples boys also made the playoffs that year but lost to St. Josephs 61-54 in the first round.

At Waynesburg University, Ray Robinson was named First Team All-PAC on his way to becoming the school's second highest career scorer.

On the local mats, three Raiders claimed WPIAL titles. Chad Seybold (125) won the first of his two titles and was joined on the podium by teammates Travis Rastoka (140) and Lanfer Simpson (Heavyweight).

Raider alum Josh Koscheck finished as the NCAA Runner-up that year at Edinboro University. The following year, he became the Fighting Scots second NCAA Division I Champion after going 42-0 in the 174-pound weight class. He was also the school's first four-time Division I All-American.

On the links, Waynesburg Central had the first of their back-to-back undefeated seasons in 2000. That year, Jamie White, Scott Bedilion, and Brent Walker all qualified for states. Under coach Tom McCombs, the

*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.*

Carmichaels Mikes had a successful season, going 13-5. West Greene had a competitive team as well. At the Greene County Country Club, Dave Jamison won the club championship.

Waynesburg Central's 2000 boys' cross-country team was undefeated at 10-0. Jocelyn Lindsay was in the second year of her incredible career for the Raider women. She won her second of her four WPIAL titles and finished as the PIAA runner-up. (She won state titles in 1999 and 2002). At Jefferson-Morgan, Shana Yourchik qualified for the PIAA high jump for the first of her four successive years at the event.

The Rockets' volleyball team won the first of back-to-back section titles that year and made it to the WPIAL semi-finals after defeating Burgettstown and Elderton. The Lady Raiders also qualified for the playoffs that year after a 10-5 season.

Today, I'm sure many of these young men and women are watching their own kids write the next chapters of our collective sports memories. However, for those of us of a certain age, these images are so fresh in our minds it strains credulity that so many years have passed since these accomplishments.



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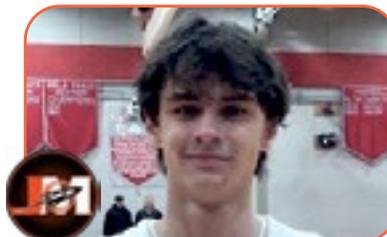




Leona Liggett is the daughter of Angela and Jerrod Liggett of Dilliner. The sophomore has lettered for the Lady Maples in both volleyball and basketball. Leona is a member of the National Honor Society. When she's not in school or participating in sports, she enjoys hanging out with friends and family or going to Big Bear Lake.



Chase Taylor is the son of Chad and Cassi Taylor of Bobtown. He is a junior offensive and defensive lineman for the Maples football team. Chase earned All-County recognition as well as being named to the All-Conference team. In school, Chase is a member of the Interact Club, the National Honor Society and maintains a 4.3 GPA. Outside of school, he trains and works out at Viking Performance. He also enjoys being a referee for Bobtown Youth basketball.



Dayten Marion is the son of the late Joey Utke and Vanessa Cole of Rices Landing. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Science Club. Dayten also plays baseball, basketball and golf. He also plays for the Ghost Travel baseball team. He is a two-year letterman and was selected First Team All-Section for basketball. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, playing basketball, snowboarding, traveling and hanging out with friends. After high-school, he plans to attend college to study Computer Science engineering.



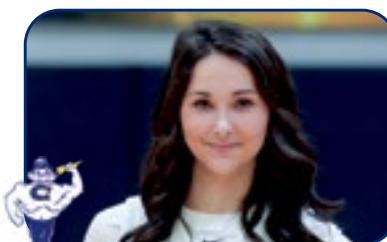
Emily Burnfield is the daughter of Ron and Jodie Burnfield of Jefferson. She golfs for the Rockets and shoots on the rifle team for Waynesburg Central through their co-op program. In school, she is vice president of the science club and is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the science and Spanish clubs. She is also involved in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. In her spare time, Emily races dirt bikes. She plans to attend WVU and become a dentist.



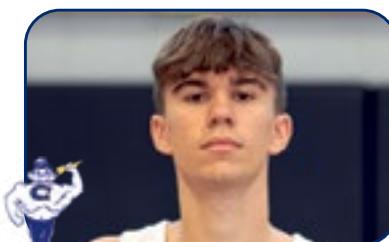
Mya Smith is the daughter of Melissa Smith of Waynesburg and Jason and Kari Smith of Marianna. She is a three-year letter winner on the Raiders' basketball team and was awarded Lions Club Coal Bowl All-Tournament Team this season. Mya is a volunteer for the Special Olympics at W&J college. She also attends the GCCTC for Cosmetology, where she has been awarded Student of the Quarter. She will graduate with her license and plans to open her own salon in the future.



Austin Surber is the son of Dustin and Catherine Surber of Waynesburg. He is a junior guard for the Raiders' basketball team. Austin has started all three years and also plays baseball for Waynesburg. He was selected for GCADA for baseball and is a member of the yearbook club. When Austin isn't on the court or field, he likes to go to the gym. Austin's future plans include playing baseball for a university.



Duski Staggers is the daughter of Jake Staggers and Lisa and Nathan Kyle. She is a member of the Mikes' softball and basketball teams. In school, she is the president of the senior class and treasurer of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Student Council, Students in Action, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She maintains a 4.750 grade point average. In her free time, she loves to play sports and hang out with family and friends. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a degree in nursing.



Dayton Reynolds is the son of Sheldon and Michelle Reynolds of Carmichaels. He is a senior letterman of the basketball, baseball, football and e-sport teams. He is a member of the Student Council, Investment Club, Peer Leaders, and National Honor society. He also participates in Mikes Nation Live. Dayton plans to attend Waynesburg University and major in secondary education.

## 2024 Greene County Sports Hall of Fame Inductees Honored

In January, the Greene Scene and Greene County Parks and Recreation hosted the induction ceremonies for the Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Six individuals were feted at the Denny House to honor their contributions to the county's rich sports history.

### The six new members included:

- Waynesburg Central alumnae pole vaulter **Marissa Kalsey**, who participated in the U.S Track and Field Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon this summer. She was an eight-time NCAA Division III All-American and won the Outdoor National Championship in 2017.
- Three-time NAIA basketball All-American for the Waynesburg College Yellow Jackets and the school's all-time scoring leader **Darrin Walls**.
- West Greene's **Rick Sonneborn**, who was an All-WPIAL and All-PIAA basketball player who led the state in scoring in 1963 with a 34.7 PPG average. He also played at Penn State and professionally in Thailand.
- **Harry Theofiledes** was a four-sport standout for the Yellow Jackets from 1962-65. He was named First Team NAIA All-American as a defensive back and second team as a quarterback. While at Waynesburg, he lettered in football, basketball, track and baseball. After graduation, he made the Washington Redskins roster, and served as a back-up to Sonny Jurgensen for two seasons. He briefly made the New York Jets roster in 1970 and concluded his career in the World Football League, with the Houston Texans/Shreveport Steamers.
- At Carmichaels High School, **Lou Rodavich** excelled in football, basketball and baseball. His career accelerated at Waynesburg College at a time when the Jackets were a nation-

ally ranked NAIA powerhouse. He received NAIA All-American status his junior and senior years.

- **Bob Clites** of Mapletown, who was the first basketball player in the county to score 1,000 career points (1,342) and played three seasons in the Pittsburgh Pirates minor leagues. Before an injury derailed his career.



*Marissa Kalsey, Darrin Walls, Harry Theofiledes, Lou Rodavich. Rick Sonneborn's award was presented posthumously.*



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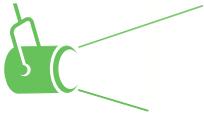


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# FIRST FEDERAL OF GREENE COUNTY

## First Federal of Greene County focused on the future *Association concluded its first century of service in 2024*

**W**AYNESBURG, PA – During its annual meeting of members Jan. 22, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County formally concluded its year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary and turned its attention toward the next century of service.

“Our work family enjoyed a very special year together, and I would like to thank everyone involved in making this year significant and memorable,” wrote Charles W. Trump, Jr., President/CEO of First Federal of Greene County, in his annual President’s Report.

After several special events and highlights that “offered a gratifying and full celebratory year,” according to Trump, the focus is on the future.

As nationwide economic factors continue to impact deposit activities and mortgage loans, the Association is looking forward to more local growth, namely the imminent opening of a new full-service branch in Fairchance, Fayette County, Pa.

First Federal of Greene County broke ground on the project – which involved gutting and renovating an existing building on Morgantown Street in Fairchance – last July, with plans for an opening before spring.

“In the coming weeks, we are excited to celebrate the ribbon-cutting and the opportunity to better serve that area of Fayette County and its residents,” Trump noted. “Utilizing modern décor and technology, we look forward to using this fresh and state-of-the-art facility, as we embark on another 100 years.”

The opportunity to open a branch in an underserved part of the Association’s footprint was one that could not be missed and further strengthens the ties between a neighborhood bank and its community.

“Being generous to and supportive of the neighborhoods that we serve has continued to be an expectation and special mission for First Federal of Greene County,” Trump wrote. “We believe that this effort and focus has played a crucial part in the bank’s evolution and growth, and our compassion for these special communities will continue as we evolve and grow in the next 100 years.”

Financial highlights from 2024 included \$1.017 billion in assets, \$863 million in deposits, and \$672 million in the Association’s mortgage portfolio. Despite higher-than-usual mortgage interest rates for the last couple of years, the Association still booked \$5.7 million in loans, and the year-end mortgage effective yield totaled 3.968 percent.

While consumer confidence nationwide still seems a bit unsettled, one point that the Association cannot waver on is technology, and the protections it provides customers are more important than ever.

“The Board of Directors continues to recognize and support the reality that investments in technology will continue to be necessary and vital as the bank strategizes for immediate and future capabilities,” Trump said. “Further, safety and security are paramount, and our top priority, in serving our customers.”

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

Also during the Association’s annual meeting, 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; Terry L. Clutter, Vice President/Treasurer/Assistant 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.

In reflecting on the past anniversary year, Trump remarked that at the intersection of safety and success are people.

Referencing Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs, Trump noted that meeting the basic need for safety “reinforce[s] a key factor in First Federal of Greene County’s century of success: Our customers trust us and feel safe in their financial relationship with our Association.”

“Reflecting on where First Federal of Greene County came from, what we are currently doing and where our Association is going, it is abundantly clear that answers to all those questions center on people,” Trump continued. “I know that

our next century of service will be full of challenges, success, uncertainties and growth.

“Remaining united, our Board of Directors, Officers and Employees will forge ahead into the next century, continuing our treasured legacy of service. Our special and valued customers, paired with an extraordinarily committed work family, create the perfect union for 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](http://www.ffgc.bank).

First Federal of Greene County’s Board of Directors and Directors Emeritus reunited for the first time in several years during the Association’s Christmas Party on Dec. 13, 2024, in Morgantown, W.Va. The special evening featured a tribute to the 1920’s, the decade of First Federal’s birth, as well as a replica of the cake made for the Association’s 25th anniversary in 1949.



*Pictured, from L to R, are Director Emeritus John E. Mariner; Directors Douglas A. Wilson, Stephen M. Neubauer, Jay S. Hammers, Murray W. Hoy and Gregory A. Parsons; Director Emeritus Henry T. Cochran (front); Director and President/CEO Charles W. Trump, Jr.; Chairwoman of the Board Judi Goodwin Tanner; and Director Michael C. Baily.*



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Every year, approximately 15,000 children under the age of 20 are diagnosed with cancer. A group of Greene County high school students are doing their part in the fight against this deadly disease with the third annual #COLBYSTRONG Tuff Puff Tournament. This male volleyball tournament is open to Greene County students in grades 9-12 and tips off on Saturday, March 8th, at the Jefferson-Morgan Middle/High School Gymnasium.

“The Tuff Puff means a lot to me because it truly shows the power and support of a small town,” said Jefferson Morgan Leadership Student Isabelle Bazzoli. “Watching everyone come together to help is an amazing thing.”

Over the past two years, the tournament has brought local county schools together to raise over \$14,000 for the Colby Stars Foundation. It is a non-profit organization formed in 2010, and named after the late Colby Simkovic, who lost his battle to a rare brain tumor. Because of all the help he and his family received during his stay at the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, he and his family vowed to “Pay it Forward” leading to the formation of the Foundation. The mission is to help others, specifically children who are fighting this horrible disease and other catastrophic health issues.

The #COLBYSTRONG Tuff Puff Tournament was organized by two Jefferson-Morgan Leadership students Isabelle Bazzoli and Alisa Long who were looking to help their community as a whole. They got together with their teacher, Mrs. Jodi Fulks, and fellow leaders at Carmichaels High School and the first game was born in 2023. The

Rockets and Mighty Mikes each formed a team of male players, and the event helped raise over \$7,000 for the Colby Stars Foundation. In year two, they got even more schools to join the fun, and once again raised \$7,000 for the foundation.



As they head into year three of the event, the girls are setting the bar even higher, with a new goal of raising over \$10,000 for the Colby Stars Foundation. All five schools in the county were invited to participate as the team looks to grow the event in its third year. Along with the volleyball on the court, there will also be door prizes available to those in attendance with the admission price of \$5 for all games.

Along with the money raised from admission to the game, the team is also looking for sponsors for this year’s event. There are different levels of sponsorship available for interested businesses, with each level receiving a certain amount of advertising. Just like admission to the game, all sponsorship donation amounts will go directly to the Colby Stars Foundation.

“We have such an amazing community, and I love how everyone tries to help in any way they can for the different events that our RLL Class organized,” said Jefferson Morgan RLL Teacher Jodi Fulks. “We could not do any of the events we do without the support of our sponsors. Whether they are individuals, families, businesses, or organizations it really helps make these events a success. If anyone is interested in being a sponsor, they can contact me at [jfulks@jmsd.org](mailto:jfulks@jmsd.org).”

The 2025 #COLBYSTRONG Tuff Puff Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 8, at the Jefferson-Morgan Middle/High School gymnasium. Join them for a day of volleyball and fun, while raising money to help children battling cancer.

## RGB COFFEE

### Waynesburg’s Newest Caffeinated Hot Spot Creating Vibes

The famed CBGB music club served as the artistic and cultural hub of New York City’s East Village for four decades starting in 1973. Waynesburg’s RGB Coffee is two years into its run as the exciting new downtown food and arts venue for “the Burg.”

Owner Ben McMillen has turned his full-service coffee shop into a must-see experience. Unique locally sourced gifts, treats and merchandise welcome customers as they enter the eclectic collection of fun, funky furnishings and folksy memorabilia. Historical local photos juxtapose with trendy caffeinated drinks, bagels, and pastries.

RGB stands for Roast, Grind, Brew – a nod to the locally brewed Hilltop Packs Coffee Roasters Company. The café is dedicated to keeping the community fueled and fed, serving from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. The friendly and knowledgeable staff create an atmosphere as comfortable as the surroundings.

On Friday evenings, local food truck legend What’s Smokin Barbeque serves an ever-growing queue of food aficionados from 4:00 – 8:00 outside of RGB. Be sure to get there early because these events have become one of the most popular evenings in the county. In addition to the barbeque, some of the most talented musicians in the area create a true coffee house vibe on those Fridays.



Ben McMillen, Owner of RGB Coffee.

McMillen embraces the business mantra, “You can do anything if you fail enough times.” However, RGB is currently battling a thousand on the local food scene. In fact, RGB was voted the “Greatest in Greene” (Coffee Category) by the GreeneScene’s readers in our most recent poll.



# THE PENNSYLVANIA CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL

## The Faces of PA Cyber

The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School (PA Cyber) celebrates individuality and empowers students to pursue their passions and academic goals. The online public school serves more than 11,000 students in grades K-12 from every county in the state. Student experiences can be customized because of the flexible, virtual environment. Explore the unique stories of individuals at PA Cyber, where students and staff share their educational journeys.

### AYDEN GERLACH

Current Student from Slippery Rock

#### What led you to enroll at PA Cyber?



*Ayden's team won an international cheerleading competition, making it his second world champion win.*

I compete in cheerleading and travel a lot for competitions. After trying two other cyber charter schools, PA Cyber worked best for me. I can work ahead on assignments. I can focus on attending cheer practice and 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?

My competitive cheer team, Top Gun, won the USASF Worlds competition again this year. My team won our division, Senior Large Coed, plus we had the highest score out of 563 teams from 21 countries. This is my second world champion win. I will be back on the team again this year for my third year. I'll spend most of the summer in Miami with a host family and then travel back and forth to Miami during the school year for practices and 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.

### KARISSA HAWK

Alumna in Melbourne, Florida

#### What have you been doing since graduating from PA Cyber in 2023?

I am in college to earn a bachelor's in aerospace engineering. I have helped design and build rockets and received



*Karissa builds and launches rockets with Florida Tech's AIAA club.*

my L1 certification in launching rockets. I am a part of the AIAA club [American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics] at Florida Tech. This year I attended the conference at the Kennedy Space Center and presented research on AI. I am so excited to see what the next school year brings.

#### How did PA Cyber prepare you for this path?

PA Cyber has many great teachers and staff who have helped me believe my goals were possible. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for them. I was in many clubs at PA Cyber, which made me realize what I was interested in.

#### What advice would you give to current cyber students?

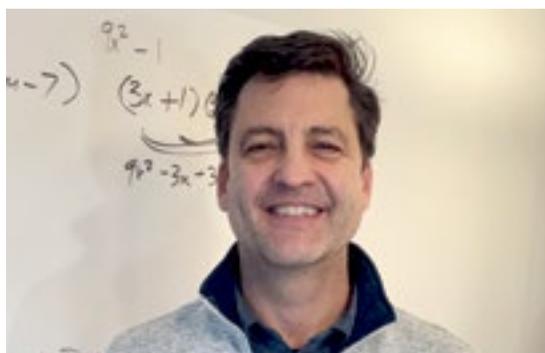
Get involved in as many things as possible and find out what you're interested in. It's very easy to get in a slump while doing cyber school, but PA Cyber does a good job of having fun clubs and many events. Staff will help you, and they want you to succeed.

### MATTHEW ABEL

Teacher in 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,



*Mr. Abel's students nominated him for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year.*

and it's been wonderful. The students have made me the best teacher I can be. In fact, I was nominated for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year because of them.

#### Why is school choice important?

School choice is very important to meeting 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?

Connecting 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.

### JANE CAMP

Activity Leader in Midland



*Mrs. Camp oversees field trips and student clubs.*

#### 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 daily.

#### 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 their learning and growth.

Discover if PA Cyber is a perfect fit for your child by joining a live information session at [pacyber.org/session](https://pacyber.org/session).

# THE LEARNING NEVER STOPS

**The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School (PA Cyber)** offers students in grades K-12 an alternative to traditional education. Families look beyond their local school district for a range of reasons, and sometimes it's necessary to try a new school experience. After 24 years of perfecting online education and with a legacy of 21,000 graduates, PA Cyber has demonstrated that learning online is an effective long-term solution for many students.

**Enrollment is open for the 2024–2025 school year.** Explore PA Cyber as an option for your child's education at [pacyber.org](https://pacyber.org) or call **724-643-1180**.



The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School





# HEMLOCK HOMES

**B**uying a new home can be a major challenge, but building a new home can be one of the most exciting things you may ever do. Recently, Greenscene had the opportunity to talk to the folks from Hemlock Homes. The company assists people in building the home of their dreams. From the time the family has bought the lot to end of the building process, they are there to walk you through your dream.

**Hemlock Homes has been servicing the tri-county region for the past twenty years.**

Their company has an in-house designer. When customizing your home they start from scratch, everything from color schemes for your walls, counter tops and floors to the door hinges. They fully invest in what it is you desire for your home to look and feel like. They take all things into consideration when developing the blueprint of your future home - the size of the lot, the size of your house and any other special features you may want.

However, don't worry if you are one of those folks who just can't make up your mind or you are not sure of the logistics of building a home. They have numerous plans you can view and even modify to make that particular plan your home. They use 3D renderings so you can get a real feel as to what that home will look like as a finished product.

Believe it or not from the time they break ground the average home is built in six to nine months. The biggest home they ever constructed was a whopping 6,800 square feet, with the smallest being 1,550 square feet. They build homes in all seasons, even in winter.

**No lot? No worries. They will also help you to find a place to build your future home.**

The folks at Hemlock Homes want you to know they take great pride in their work, and their desire is to provide you with the best materials and skilled folks, so you are pleased with the job they have done. They understand that every person building a home has individual visions and expectations. Their goal is for you to know they have committed to paying close

attention to every detail.

Their offices are located at 1990 Washington Road in Washington, and you can reach them by phone at 412-333-5008. Their office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If you are starting the process of building your dream home, reach out to Hemlock Homes today, you will not be disappointed. They will make your dream of owning your own customized home a reality.

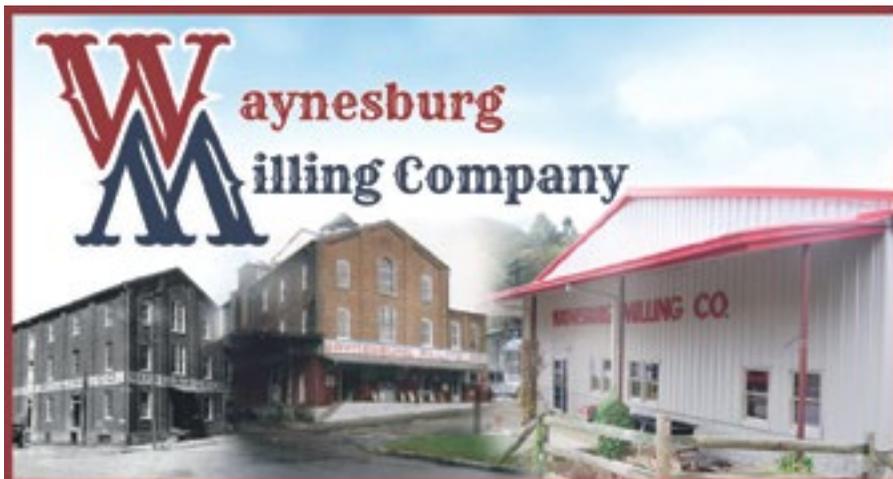


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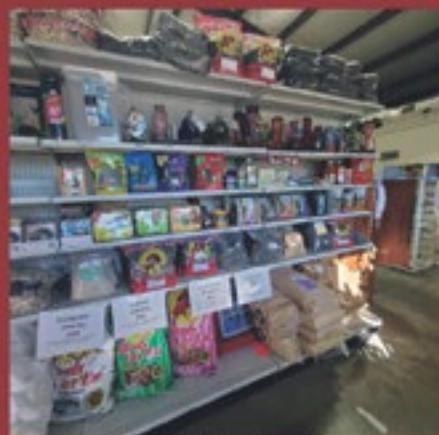
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## WAYNESBURG MILLING COMPANY

For over 100 years, the Waynesburg Milling Company has been a cornerstone of the community, offering top-quality products and unmatched customer service to the residents of Greene County and beyond. Known for its rich history and commitment to service, this family-owned business has built a reputation as the go-to place for everything from farm and pet supplies to home and garden essentials.



learning about new feed options, pet care tips, or the latest agricultural trends, there's something for everyone.

One of the unique offerings at Waynesburg Milling Company is their custom feed blends and custom seed blends. Whether you're raising livestock, growing crops, reclaiming or replanting meadows or feeding wildlife, the team can help you create a mix that's tailored to your specific needs. They also offer

a wide range of wildlife products, including Antler King deer supplements and wild bird feed, so you can meet the needs of your backyard visitors as well as livestock and pets.

The store's pet section is another stand-out feature, offering products for a variety of pets, from dogs and cats to more exotic animals like reptiles, birds, and small mammals. If you're looking for something unique, the team is more than happy to help you track down hard-to-find items or order special products for your pets.

As we look to the future, 2025 is shaping up to be an exciting year for the Mill. With continued dedication to customer satisfaction, a growing range of products, and a community-focused approach, the company remains a trusted partner for all your farm, pet, and home needs. Whether you're a long-time customer or visiting for the first time, the Waynesburg Milling Company continues to offer service with a smile—and they look forward to serving you for many years to come.

The company's commitment to customer service goes beyond just the in-store experience. In 2025, the Waynesburg Milling Company is expanding its offerings with new events and services, including local delivery for bagged feed orders. This new service is designed to make it even easier for busy farmers and ranchers to save time and money. Wayco blends, as well as custom-designed feed blends, will still be available for delivery directly to your silo, ensuring your operation runs smoothly and efficiently.

In addition, the company is excited to host informational sessions and fun events throughout the year. These events are designed to engage the community, offer valuable knowledge, and showcase new products and services. Whether you're interested in

Visit the Waynesburg Milling Company today and experience the difference of full-service shopping with a personal touch!



*Waynesburg Milling Company staff is always ready to help.*

# The Way Community Center Secures \$776,300 for Phase 2 Renovations

By Pamela Marisa



On January 13, the Way Community Center of Greene County received exciting news—**Senator Camera Bartolotta** played a key role in securing \$776,300 in funding for furnishings and the second phase of renovations.

The celebration at The Way was a momentous occasion. “It was my great honor to present over \$750,000 in grants to the leadership team of this incredible community center, which serves as an anchor on High Street in uptown Waynesburg,” said Senator Bartolotta.

The unwavering support of this organization is a testament to the strong sense of community that defines The Way. Senator Bartolotta expressed enthusiasm for its future, stating, “I am excited to see what this dedicated team has in store and look forward to celebrating many more milestones. Last night was a great night for The Way, for Greene County, and for our corner of the world.”

Special recognition was given to The Way’s Board of Directors, with gratitude extended to Mark Fox, Jonathan Johnson, Sue Peirce, and Commissioner Jared Edgreen for their steadfast commitment to the community.

#### A Growing Vision for The Way

The Way officially opened its doors on November 30, 2024, during the Waynesburg Open House. Volunteers welcomed visitors with gift wrapping, snacks, and hot chocolate

while children played pickup basketball in the unfinished gym.

Phase one of renovations focused on both the exterior and interior of the building. Now, with the newly secured funding, The Way is ready to embark on Phase 2, which will include:

- Finishing the gym floor
- Renovating the front interior of the building
- Installing air conditioning in the back classrooms
- Launching new programs to further engage the community

Dawn Mankey, acting director of The Way, has an exciting lineup of programs in development, including open gym nights, a women’s Christian book club, the Startable Program, health and wellness initiatives, and potential cooking and arts & crafts classes.

The mission of The Way is clear: *To invest in Greene County by seeing the value of each person, forming connections through love, providing a space for growth, and uplifting through education.*

Those interested in supporting The Way—whether through donations or volunteering—are encouraged to contact Dawn Mankey at dawn@thewaygc.org.

Stay updated on upcoming events by following The Way on Facebook: thewaygc.org



# STATE THEATRE

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## CELTIC ANGELS IRELAND

March 7, 2025 • 7pm  
\$35, \$30, \$25



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music, and song, these Angels will have you enthralled  
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## THE CHIPPER EXPERIENCE

April 12, 2025 • 7pm  
\$35, \$30, \$25



*Chipper Lowell, the manic, red-headed comedian, blends stand-up, magic, juggling stunts, mentalism, music, and more into his award-winning, one-man show. Chipper's rapid-fire delivery, surprise ad-libs and improvisation are a perfect match for his quirky brand of hocus pocus. His edgy yet family friendly comedy & magic has been featured on The Tonight Show, Disney Channel, and all four seasons of Masters Of Illusion, on the CW network! Treat yourself and your friends, families, neighbors and even your enemies to a fun-filled, laughs-a-plenty, roller coaster ride!*  
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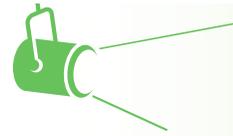
## YACHT ROCK GOLD EXPERIENCE

May 17, 2025 • 7pm  
\$25, \$35, \$45



*Yacht Rock, as a musical genre, has built a loyal and unwavering fan base who love to enjoy life, have fun, and "Drift Away". Yacht Rock Gold Experience brings all your favorite hits from the late 1970's-early 1980's. Celebrating the smooth sounds of the Doobie Brothers, Steely Dan, Kenny Loggins, Little River Band, Ambrosia, Boz Skoggs and so many more, Yacht Rock Gold dazzles with amazing harmonies, powerful soloists, and excellent musicianship. You will sing along with every song at this fun night of great music!*  
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# STATE THEATRE

The Penn Amusement Company commissioned Thomas W. Lamb, the pre-eminent theatre architect of the day, to design a "picture palace" for Uniontown. He is best known for his work in the 18th Century Robert Adam's style of architecture and also for his fine acoustical planning. Construction began in 1921 with art designers from the Ingstrip-Burke Company of Chicago, decorating the interior of the Modern structure in the Adam's style. The theme was that of "refinement of line and chasteness of ornamentation." The artist in charge, Michael Tomlin, educated at the School of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, Russia pronounced himself well satisfied "It is better than I hoped it is what I dreamed."

Hailed as "the largest, finest and most beautiful playhouse in Western Pennsylvania" the State Theatre opened to many accolades on October 30, 1922 showing silent movies and presenting Vaudeville's finest acts from the B.F. Keith Circuit. The State Symphony Orchestra held forth in the pit with a \$40,000.00 Pleubet Master Organ accompanying the silent films to fit the mood. As the Big Band sound emerged, the State hosted some of the country's greatest musical attractions including Paul Whitman, Glen Gray

and the Dorsey Brothers.

The popularity of "talkies" signaled the end for in-house musicians and the end of Vaudeville entertainment. Although the greatest names in Hollywood flickered across the screen, and epics such as **Gone With the Wind** drew packed houses, the State's days as a movie palace were numbered. Television's growing popularity and the movie theatre trend was turning to smaller auditoriums and multiple screens. Sadly, after 50 years, the State Theatre closed in June of 1973.

After a number of years the theatre reopened as the State Music Hall, featuring country and western legends like **Johnny Cash, Slim Whitman, Waylon Jennings** and the **Statler Brothers**. The State Music Hall concept, though popular for a time, did not work out and the theatre closed again.

In 1988 the Greater Uniontown Heritage Consortium purchased the *Grand Old Lady of Main Street* and began presenting a series of professional, nationally touring productions ranging from Broadway musicals to Big Bands, symphonies, dance and dramatic performances.

Call 724-439-1360 for more information or visit us on the web at [www.statetheatre.info](http://www.statetheatre.info).





# MARCH 2025

SUGAR RUN HILL BY CANDY MAHLE

## MONTHLY EVENTS

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

**Open to the Public Nights at The Denny House**

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

## Bingo

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

## Build it, Make it, Do it!

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

## Friday Night Dancing

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

## SOAR Meeting

6:30pm @Greene Co. Airport. First Tuesday each month. FMI, visit soargreeneconomy.org.

## Carmichaels & Cumberland Twp VFC Bingo

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

## White Covered Bridge Assoc. Meeting

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

## Tech Tutoring

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

## Mahjong Club

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

## Wine Down Wednesday

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

## Fleanniken Book Club

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

## MARCH EVENTS

**Morris Twp VFD's Corn Hole Tournament**  
3/1, Starts at 1 p.m. @ Morris Twp VFD (1699 Browns Creek Rd. Graysville, PA 15337) \$20/team. FMI, email morristwvfdrept@gmail.com.

## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser by Cub

**Scout Pack 1168**  
3/2, 9-10:30 a.m. @ Hewitt Presbyterian Church (1206 Crucible Rd. Rices Landing, PA 15357) Cost is by donation only. FMI, call (724) 592-6111.

## Waynesburg VFW Post 4793 Cash Bash

3/2, Doors open at 1 p.m. @ Greene County Fairgrounds, Building #9. (107 Fairgrounds Rd. Waynesburg, PA 15370) \$20/ticket. FMI, call 724-627-3720.

## John Staggers Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

3/2, 4-8 p.m. @ Carmichaels American Legion Post 400 (205 E. George St. Carmichaels, PA 15320) \$15/Adult, \$7/Child. FMI, call (724) 966-8730.

## Miniature Art Competition (Adult & Youth)

by Press On Bakes  
3/4-8, during business hours. @ Press On Bakes (103 S. Market St. Carmichaels, PA

## Cash Bash

3/8, Doors Open at 3:30 p.m. @ Waynesburg VFW Post 4793 (445 E. Lincoln St. Waynesburg, PA 15370) \$10/ticket. FMI, call (724) 998-6491 or email inquiries@tbcare.org.

## Spring Has Sprung Cookie Decorating

**Class**  
3/9, 2-4 p.m. @ Watson Estate BnB Deer Creek Winery (234 Baisinger Rd. Uniontown, PA 15401) \$55/person. FMI, call (724) 437-4999 or email WatsonEstate@DeerCreekWine.com

## Fleanniken Book Club Meeting

3/11, 6-7 p.m. @ Fleanniken Library (102 E. George St. Carmichaels, PA 15320) FMI, call 724-966-5263 or email director@fleanniken.org.

## Spring Flower Arrangement Workshop

presented by Farmhouse Florals by GG  
3/12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Thistlethwaite Vineyards (151 Thistlewaite Ln. Jefferson, PA 15344) \$50/person. FMI, call 724-883-3372.

## Lucky Shamrock Mosaic Workshop by Creative Encounters

3/12, 6 p.m. @ Bones Distillery (68 W. Maiden St. Washington, PA 15301) \$37/person. FMI,

FMI, contact director Ted Watts at (724) 852-3226 or ted.watts@waynesburg.edu.

## Knight's Farm Supply's Open House

3/20-22, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (Thurs.) 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Fri.), & 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (Sat.) @ Knight's Farm Supply (11003 Fork Ridge Rd. Glen Easton, WV 26039) FMI or to preorder, contact Missy Knight at (304) 845-1525 or missy@knightsfarmsupply.com.

## Manure Management Workshop Presented by the GC Conservation District

3/20, 6 p.m. @ Greene County Fairgrounds, Building #10 (107 Fairgrounds Rd. Waynesburg, PA 15370) Free Admission. To RSVP, call 724-852-5278.

## 2025 Spring Craft & Vendor Show

3/22, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ Jefferson-Morgan High/Middle School (1351 Jefferson Rd. Jefferson, PA 15344) FMI, email jfuiks@msd.org.

## Small Business Networking Event by Enchanted Moon Acres

3/22, 6-8 p.m. @ Enchanted Moon Acres (74 W. High St. Waynesburg, PA 15370) FMI, call 317-627-0554 or email enchantedmoonacres@gmail.com

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. @

admission.

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

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

#### TOPS

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

#### Dungeons & Dragons Session

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

#### Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

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

#### Roller Skating

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

#### Friends Sharing Grief

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

#### Divorce Support

7pm @First Christian Church in Waynesburg on Mondays.

#### Bowliby Book Club

4pm @Bowliby Library. Second Thursday every month. This month's book discussion is on Alan Hlad's "The Long Flight Home". There are several physical copies available at the front desk. New members are always welcome to join! FMI, call 724-627-9776.

#### Family Place Play

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

#### Coffee with Veterans

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

#### Warrior Trail Meeting

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

#### Pouring Out Praise

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

#### Foundry Guided Tours

Sundays, 12-4pm @WA Young & Sons Foundry and Machine Shop. General admission is \$10. Tickets should be purchased in advance at [www.riversofsteel.com](http://www.riversofsteel.com).

#### Food Truck Fridays

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

15320), \$7/entry. FMI, email [pressonbakes@gmail.com](mailto:pressonbakes@gmail.com).

#### Grace Academy Soup & Salad Supper

3/6, 2:30-3:30 p.m. @ Grace Academy (104 E. Greene St. Carmichaels, PA 15320) \$25/meal. Preorder your meal by calling 724-963-0096.

#### 2025 PIAA Boys & Girls Individual State Wrestling Championships

3/6-8, Various Times @ GIANT Center Hershey (550 Hersheypark Dr. Hershey, PA 17033) \$12/person.

#### Shadow Work Workshop

3/7 6-9 p.m. @ Enchanted Moon Acres (74 W. High St. Waynesburg, PA 15370) FMI 317-627-0554 or email [enchantedmoonacres@gmail.com](mailto:enchantedmoonacres@gmail.com).

#### The Great Outdoors Concert by the Washington Symphony Orchestra

3/8-9, 7:30 p.m. (Sat) & 9 p.m. (Sun.) @ Olin Fine Arts Center, Washington & Jefferson College (285 E. Wheeling St. Washington, PA 15301) \$14/ticket. FMI, call (724) 223-9796 or email [cassandra@washesym.org](mailto:cassandra@washesym.org)

#### Barrel Racing by Waynesburg Barrel Shows

3/8, Events Start at 8 a.m. @ Greene County Fairgrounds, Arena Barn (107 Fairgrounds Rd. Waynesburg, PA 15370) FMI 412-966-3211 or email [waynesburgbarrelshows@gmail.com](mailto:waynesburgbarrelshows@gmail.com).

#### Colby Stars Tuff Puff Tournament 2025, benefiting the Colby Stars Foundation

3/8, begins at 8 a.m. @ Jefferson-Morgan High/Middle School Gymnasium (1351 Jefferson Rd. Jefferson, PA 15344) \$5/person. FMI, email [jfultks@jmsd.org](mailto:jfultks@jmsd.org).

#### Teddy Bear Care & Angel Wings Rescue

Financial Reality Fair Presented by Frick Federal Credit Union

3/13, 7-15- 10:30 a.m. @ Jefferson-Morgan High/Middle School (1351 Jefferson Rd. Jefferson, PA 15344) To Volunteer, call 724-438-5123, ext. 109 or email [bchristoff@frickfmu.org](mailto:bchristoff@frickfmu.org).

#### "Glow Wild!" Youth All Nighter by the Greene County Youth Network

3/14, 8 p.m.-8 a.m. @ Camp Cornerstone (381 Willis Rd. Jefferson, PA 15344) FMI, visit the Greene County Youth Network FB Page.

#### "Seussical, Jr!" Presented by the Jefferson-Morgan Drama Club

3/15-16, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. (Sat.) 1 p.m. (Sun.) @ JMHS Auditorium (1351 Jefferson Rd. Jefferson, PA 15344) FMI, call (724) 883-2310.

#### Coin Auction by Huffman Auction Service

3/15, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Greene County Fairgrounds (107 Fairgrounds Rd. Waynesburg, PA 15370) FMI, call 724-852-3171

#### St. Patrick's Day Cash & Bingo Bash benefiting Grindstone VFD & Footdale VFD

3/15, Doors Open at 12:30 p.m. @ Footdale VFD (501 Footdale Rd. New Salem, PA 15468) \$30/ticket. FMI, call 724-323-4238.

#### Washington Goes Irish

3/15, 12-4 p.m. @ Downtown Washington (Main St. Washington, PA 15301) FMI, call 724-201-1558 or email [info@downtownwashingtonpa.com](mailto:info@downtownwashingtonpa.com)

#### "The Lightening Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical" Presented by the WU Players

3/19-22, 7:30 p.m. @ Waynesburg University's Goodwin Performing Arts Center (51 W. College St. Waynesburg, PA 15370) \$5/ticket.

#### Retiree Karle's Spring Ring Art, Craft, & Vendor Show

3/22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. @ American Legion Post 175 Washington (168 Park Ave. Washington, PA 15301) FMI, call 724-228-7335 or email [ksam10@pulseset.com](mailto:ksam10@pulseset.com).

#### Corner Cupboard Food Bank Distribution

3/27, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. @ Greene County Fairgrounds (107 Fairgrounds Rd. Waynesburg, PA 15370). FMI (724) 627-9784 or email [director@ccfb.comcastbiz.net](mailto:director@ccfb.comcastbiz.net) FMI.

#### "Legally Blonde: The Musical" Presented by WCHS DRAMA

3/27-29, 7-9 p.m. @ WCHS Auditorium (30 Zimmerman Dr. Waynesburg, PA 15370) For tickets, email [Katherine.kenne@cgdsd.org](mailto:Katherine.kenne@cgdsd.org).

#### Wheeling Polka Festival

3/28-30 @ Oglebay Resort's Wilson Lodge (465 Lodge Dr. Wheeling, WV 26003) To buy tickets, visit [oglebay.com/polka](http://oglebay.com/polka).

#### 2025 Kids Fest

3/29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. @ Washington Crown Center Mall (1500 W. Chestnut St. Washington, PA 15301) Free Admission. FMI, email [kscalzi@belocal.net](mailto:kscalzi@belocal.net).

#### Energy Security & Sportsmanship Bash

3/29, Doors open at 4 p.m. @ Venue 19 North (19 N Main St. Washington, PA 15301) \$40/ticket. FMI, contact Jason White at 724-579-0924 or [moa.jasonwhite@gmail.com](mailto:moa.jasonwhite@gmail.com).

#### 2025 Spring Basket Bonanza by the First Christian Church of Carmichaels

3/31 - 4/5, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily. @ First Christian Church of Carmichaels (235 S. Market St. Carmichaels, PA 15320) \$1/ticket. FMI, call (724) 966-5174.

Events times/dates are subject to change, especially on holidays. Please check with organizers to ensure the event is still being held or if you have any questions. Want to see your photo featured in the calendar or on our cover? Submit it online at [greenesinemagazine.com](http://greenesinemagazine.com) for your chance!



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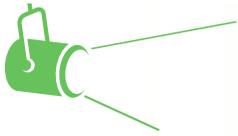
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Our team attends classes to stay updated on the latest technology. Water well conventions help the team stay up on the latest innovations, and the team continually educates themselves on best prac-

tices for drilling and testing.

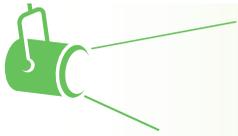
Before you buy a home, consider calling L&M Water Services to inspect the system and assess the water quality. L&M Water Services offers camera inspections to ensure there are no hidden surprises within a well. Additionally, the company provides rate tests to measure water storage to measure how much water is stored in the well to inform homebuyers on the quality and quantity of their water well before getting stuck in a new home without water.

People don’t realize how important water is to our daily lives. Water well drilling is a dying art and, in an area where many of us do not have city water. It’s an especially essential business. Fortunately, L&M Water Services is looking far into the future with their company’s endeavors. L&M Water Services plan on the company being a generational company.

The passion keeps the company digging deep to continually provide excellent service. Unlike many other businesses, L&M Water services strive to meet their customers’ needs with speed and quality. Within 24 hours of client contact, a team member will reach out to schedule a free consultation at the client’s convenience. Additionally, a 24-hour emergency service is in place in case a time-sensitive issue should arise and require immediate attention.

For a consultation or for more information on all your water needs, contact L&M Water Services at 724-428-4322.





# HOT LLC

According to the National Fire Protection Association, a fire department responds to a fire every 23 seconds in the United States. As a lifetime member of the Amwell Volunteer Fire Department, Arthur Cork Cole has seen first-hand the devastation fire can cause to a home or business and he wanted to help people prepare.

"I saw how fire safety was neglected in the workforce and businesses that weren't up to state and local codes," said Cole. "I took my NFPA 10 certification, the National Fire Protection Association's standard for portable fire extinguishers and started contacting businesses."

In 2017, he formed Hands On Training (HOT) LLC, offering training and certification to businesses and individuals on safe and effective ways to use fire extinguishers, blankets, and equipment. Each training consists of three components, classroom, live fire, and exam, to help employees earn their fire safety certification. Each training will start in the classroom, with Cole teaching what type of fire extinguishers to use and the DO's and DON'T's of fire safety. After the classroom, he takes his students into the field for live fire demonstrations, using propane and water to provide a safe learning environment. In order to earn their certification, the training ends with an exam and, once the student passes, their certification in fire safety is good for one year after the exam date.

"I have provided training for businesses, churches, and local schools right here in Greene County," said Cole. "Being a part of the community is important to me and we have donated to group fundraiser prizes, raf-

fles, and much more to help our community."

Along with the fire training classes, HOT LLC also provides fire extinguisher sales and services to the Pennsylvania and West Virginia area. They are a distributor of Buckeye Extinguishers, and customers can call for a free estimate and evaluation and HOT LLC will provide advice on your fire extinguisher needs in your home or business that meets code requirements and is right for you. Cole has built HOT LLC on a foundation of good service at a great price, and it is this principle that keeps customers coming back.

"I provide the best service I can promptly and reliably," said Cole. "Customers select us because of our price, service and reputation and I offer reminder follow-ups so customers don't have to remember when services are due."

Since the business started in 2017, HOT LLC continues to grow daily, expanding the knowledge of fire safety. Right now, the company has one service truck and a part time employee and they are looking to continue to grow their footprint and their knowledge throughout the area.

"I want to keep growing and branching into new areas where I can expand and add on new employees," said Cole. "We are looking into getting another service truck so we can help more people and businesses across the area."

To schedule your fire safety training or for Fire Extinguisher service and sales, contact HOT LLC at 865-776-4601. New customers will receive an initial service call free.

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Owned by Bruceton Mills resident Scott Cavallaro, WBU offers everything you need to start or maintain a bird feeding hobby. Established in 2016 and located in Suncrest Towne Centre, the Morgantown WBU is one of 380 stores across North America and is the only location in West Virginia.

Using a 12-step program, WBU teaches its customers how to attract birds and make their yard a bird habitat. When customers provide pictures of their yards, Cavallaro and his staff can customize it to bring a wider variety of songbirds to their homes.

Wild Birds Unlimited carries 10 various types of seed blends that will appeal to most backyard songbirds. "Many of the bigger box stores sell seed mixes that may contain as much as 80% cheap filler seed which birds won't eat. We don't have filler in any of our seed blends. We are bird feeding specialists.

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Higher quality food will attract a bigger variety of birds Cavallaro added. "Then, they can expand on the hobby by adding more feeders and different types of seed. And that's how our feeding program is designed."



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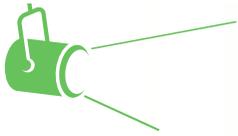
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# ACTION EQUIPMENT CENTER

Welcome to Action Equipment Center! We are a locally owned independent retailer for Cub Cadet, Hustler, Spartan and Husqvarna mowers, Intimidator UTVs, DeWalt and Husqvarna handhelds, and Ironcraft implements. We offer sales, parts and service for all our brands. Located at 1045 Jefferson Avenue in Washington, we are located conveniently off the Jefferson Avenue exit of I-70.

We are a full-service dealership offering parts and service for mowers, handhelds, and UTVs. Our trained mechanics are equipped to diagnose and repair your equipment in a timely manner. We offer pickup and delivery services for customer repairs.

If you are looking to purchase some new equipment this year, we are stocked with inventory and have some great promotions for the Spring season. Financing options are available for all new equipment purchases and details can be found on our website at [actionequipmentcenter.com](http://actionequipmentcenter.com). We also offer delivery for new equipment.

## Now, let's talk a little bit about our brands.....

Our Cub Cadet brand is our best seller and is a customer favorite for performance and reliability. Residential mowers start around \$2,499 up to \$4,899 and deck sizes range from 42" to 54". Cub Cadet's innovative residential zero-turns with steering wheels are the top purchase by consumers. Their price range is from \$4,199 up to \$11,500 depending on deck and engine size. Deck sizes run from 42" to 60". For commercial consumers or residential customers with more land, Cub Cadet professional zero-turns are a great option. The deck sizes range from 54" to 72" with prices ranging from \$14,000 up to \$28,000.

## Spring 2025 promotions for Cub Cadet mowers:

- March 2025 – 20% off MSRP for all Cub Cadet commercial mowers
- April 3rd to May 15th 2025– Ultimate Sales Event – up to \$1,000 off select Cub Cadet mowers
- June 2025 – Ultimate Bonus Offer – up to \$600 credit towards DeWalt products with purchase of Cub Cadet mower
- June 2025 – 20% off MSRP for all Cub Cadet commercial mowers

Our Hustler mower line is a favorite of landscapers and lawn enthusiasts. With the heavy-duty frame and capability to complete large projects, it gets the job done every time.

There are gasoline and diesel options available. Prices range from \$4,899 to \$17,990.

## Spring 2025 promotions for Hustler mowers:

- March 2025 – 20% off MSRP for all professional mowers
- April – May 2025 - \$600 off Raptor series mowers
- June 2025 – Power & Performance Sales Event – Up to \$600 in free DeWalt products w/purchase of any Raptor or Fastrak series mowers

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Now is the time to purchase one of our Intimidator UTVs with an instant rebate of \$3,500 off! The rebate can be combined with 0% for 48 months financing with approved credit. We offer the classic and crew model options. Prices range from \$12,800 to \$21,650.

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Husqvarna chainsaws through April 6th. \$30 off select DeWalt products through June 30th.

Action Equipment is celebrating its 10th year in 2025, so we are looking forward to a strong and successful year with hopes to continue serving our community for many years to come!

Visit our showroom at 1045 Jefferson Avenue, Washington, PA. Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm. Visit our website at [actionequipmentcenter.com](http://actionequipmentcenter.com) or call us for details on any promotions at 724-503-4223.

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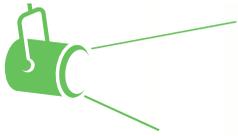


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# VOICES FOR INDEPENDENCE

Founded in December of 1993, Voices for Independence has been proudly serving the disability community in Western PA for over 30 years. The Erie-based Center for Independent Living (CIL) also occupies a large office space right in the heart of downtown Washington, PA-- the historic former YWCA building. The building itself not only allows office area for staff to provide resources locally, but also offers many opportunities for individuals with disabilities to take part in a wide variety of group peer support programs, making it a true program and community center. As a CIL, Voices for Independence has offered a wide variety of disability-related services, activities, and resources for 30 years. Now affiliated with TRPIL, a fellow CIL based in Washington, PA, Voices for Independence is bringing additional services to the southwest region of Pennsylvania.

“To say that we have been able to provide supports and empower the disability community for three decades is an amazing feeling. Being able to bring a high level of service with that kind of legacy to the area means a great deal to us,” said Steve Johnson, Director of Marketing for both organizations.” Voices for Independence began an affiliation with TRPIL back in late 2019. “Voices for Independence and TRPIL are both currently serving Southwest PA, but we are regularly hearing from more and more people in need, right here within the community-- our goal is to work hard to assist as many of those individuals as possible, without sacrificing

the quality of any of those services.”

While TRPIL still manages services in the region 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 Café 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 our 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 Center, 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.

“These incredible opportunities are all available to the public. Whether you have a disability and are interested in learning more about what we can do for you, or if you’d like to inquire about joining our team, contact us today. We’re also continually looking to build partnerships and always accepting donations to help ensure that we are able to serve the community in the biggest ways possible for many years to come.”

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# MCDONALDS

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 advantage of the many opportunities for growth, and 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 23 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 ath-

letic 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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# LEMOYNE COMMUNITY CENTER

The LeMoyne Community Center is a pillar of support, connection, and growth for our community. With deep roots in Washington, PA, we are dedicated to creating a positive impact by providing inclusive, empowering programs for all ages. Our vision is to foster an environment that encourages learning, personal development, and community pride.

While serving people of all ages, The LeMoyne Community Center is primarily focused on the need for youth to have a positive outlet for their energy and creativity. Our Homework and More, Camp Challenge, and Nutrafit Summer Feed programs serve hundreds of kids throughout the year. In 2024, we launched new programs including Community Mobile Feed and Lil' Bitez, allowing us to serve even more community members! We are committed to promoting education, healthy lifestyles, and creative expression.



Our Spring Fling Gala directly supports our Camp Challenge program.

Camp Challenge is more than a summer camp – it's a unique experience where kids build lifelong skills, make new friends, and explore their potential in a fun and supportive environment. Designed for youth of all ages, Camp Challenge offers a blend of enriching activities, exciting adventures, and hands-on learning that spark curiosity and confidence over an 8-week period. In addition to recreational and educational opportunities, campers receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch, and a snack each day.

Please consider supporting our future leaders in their development. Tickets are on sale now.



# Spring Fling Gala

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# Greene Artifacts

By Matthew Cumberledge, GCHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## TINTYPE PHOTOGRAPHY

Though it has long gone out of fashion, there are still a few photographers that utilize the method. Tintypes have perhaps enjoyed more popularity than any other type of photographic medium in history. The process was originally developed and introduced by Adolphe Alexandre Martin in Paris, where it initially competed with and slowly began to replace the much more delicate (and expensive) Daguerreotype and Ambrotype Photographic Processes.

The American Civil War can be credited for a boom in the popularity of Tintypes, especially earlier in the war as Soldiers found it a cheaper and a more durable option to capture an image of themselves to send home to loved ones. The Carte de Visite, a photographic process using paper mounted on card stock would also see similar success as a result of the war. The Carte de Visite would also coexist in popularity with the Tintype throughout the duration of the 19th century.

Tintypes could be made in various sizes, from Full Plate, which measured roughly six and a half by eight and a half inches, all the way down to Gem size which were little more than a half inch square. Some cameras would, however, permit the use of much larger plates than the standard "full plate" size.

During the Civil War and later, it became quite popular to "overpaint" on tint Tintypes. Usually done with full plate images, a photographer's studio would take a fully developed Tintype and apply paints over top of the original image to add color. This could be done sparingly, or the entire image could be painted over, giving it the appearance of an oil painting. Such images were often mounted in elaborate mat boards and placed in highly decorative frames.

Tintypes would remain popular well into the early 20th century. Traveling Photographers in their wagons would attend carnivals and fairs offering photos to visitors, often providing costumes and interesting backdrops to create an artful memory of the event. The Tintype is also the medium that captured many of the famous images from the "Wild West" such as the legendary photo of Billy the Kid.

It would not be until the early 20th century when cameras became cheaper, and many families would own one of their own that the tintype would become an almost forgotten method, however, there are still many who still use the process to create images today. In a digital age of pixels nothing can beat the quality of these earlier images.



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## ONLINE RESEARCH IN GREENE COUNTY

Many have often said that doing research in Greene County, Pennsylvania is a remarkably easy task compared to other areas and regions. It seems that the citizenry of "Good Ole Greene" has long had an interest in preserving their past, from LK Evans in the 1870s interviewing the surviving children and grandchildren of our pioneer ancestors and publishing their tales in the Waynesburg Republican to times more recent times with individuals such as Candice Buchanan devoting a great deal of time and energy in preserving and archiving documents and photographs that give us a visual interpretation of the past.

However, we are in a new era, a digital era, and Greene County still leads the way in ease of research, in large part to people just like Candice and the folks at Cornerstone Genealogical Society.

The Greene Connections Website, <https://greeneconnections.com/home>, is a treasure trove of information and resources for both the novice researcher and the well-seasoned expert. The website contains archives, wherein countless collections of local photos have been scanned and documented and are viewable, for free, to the public. Not only do the archives contain many personal collections, but large collections like those housed at the Greene County Historical Society have also been made available to view. Additionally, the Greene Connections website has links to

Cemetery resources, Books available online, Courthouse Records, Military Records, and a wide array of other resources that will be invaluable to anyone doing research centered in this area.

Cornerstone Genealogical Society also has an assortment of records available online. A membership to their organization, information can be found at <https://cornerstonegenealogy.com/> will give you access to their Membership Portal, which contains many great resources, chief among which may be digitized copies of local newspapers and other ephemeral records that only exist in their holdings.

If you are an active genealogist, local historian, or just have an interest in the very rich history of this region, you'll definitely want to check out both the Greene Connections and Cornerstone Genealogical Society Websites, especially if you live outside of the area. Both amazing organizations should be the first stop for anyone trying to learn a bit more about our rich heritage. If you are in this area, it is definitely worthwhile a visit to the library at Cornerstone Genealogical Society, located in the Original Log Courthouse on Greene Street. It is certainly one of the best Genealogical Reference Libraries in the region. Well-organized with knowledgeable staff, it is definitely worth a visit.



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**Story Classes** – Spring Story Classes will start on March 3rd and run for 10 weeks for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary children! Stories, games, songs, crafts, and a snack tailored to each age group. Call or check our website to register today!

**Baby Lap Sit** – ages 6 weeks to 18 months Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

**Toddlers** – ages 18 months to 35 months Tuesdays at 10:30 AM | Fridays at 10:30 AM

**Preschoolers** – ages 3-5 years Mondays at 10:30 AM | Tuesdays at 1:30 PM

**Stories Under the Moon** – ages 2-6 years Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

**Thursday Programming** – In addition to our regular story times, we will be offering a rotating selection of play-learning programs on Thursday mornings for toddlers and preschoolers. Come to whichever program you like, which all start at 10:30 AM, in addition to story time or instead: 1st Thursday: Yoga & Movement | 2nd Thursday: Sensory-Friendly Storytime | 3rd Thursday: Dance Party | 4th Thursday: Messy/Sensory Art. Call 724-627-9776 to sign-up or talk to the Children's Desk for more information.

**Sensory-Friendly Storytime** – Second Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. A Sensory Storytime is one especially designed to help children with sensory and/or attention issues and their families to feel comfortable at Storytime. It is inclusive, not exclusive – no specific diagnosis necessary, but you'll still fit in if you do. The stories will be for preschoolers, but all ages are welcome.

**Build Break** – Thursdays @ 4:00 PM. Bring your whole family for building fun for all ages, from blocks to LEGOs. Weekly challenges will be set up for those who are looking for more difficulty and still want to have fun! Call 724-627-9776 to let us know if you plan on coming, but walk-ins are welcome.

**Book Club** – Thursday, March 13th from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. This month's book

discussion is on Sally Page's "The Keeper of Stories", There are several physical copies available at the front desk. New members are always welcome to join!

**Movie Day** – Enjoy a Movie Day at the library! Swing by our YA room for a day-long marathon of movies. This month on March 12 we will be showing the Space Jam movies for the start of March Madness.

**Movie Night** – Enjoy movie night at the library Wednesday, March 7th, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. In the Library's Community Room. This month's movie is Moana 2. FREE snack and beverage! Doors open at 6:45 PM. Call the library to RSVP your seat(s).

**Women's Health Talk** – On Wednesday, March 19th at 6:00 PM., come to the Bowlby library to join the Alzheimer's Association and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh for a Women's History Month event centered on empowering healthy minds. Join us for a presentation about how women can care for their brains, no matter their age. Each guest will be gifted a small healthy brain bag- filled with women specific items. Call 724-627-9776 to RSVP.

**Puzzle Challenge** – Saturday, March 8th @ 9:30am – 12:30 PM. Do you trust your puzzle skills enough to compete against other puzzle lovers? The library is looking for 10 teams of two to compete in putting together a 500-piece puzzle in three hours or less. Contact the library to register. A prize is awarded to the fastest team.

**Jigsaw Jamboree** – Saturday, March 29 we will be hosting a casual puzzle day! Challenge your own puzzling skills by attempting any of our in-house puzzles or bring your own. Puzzle swapping is highly encouraged.

**Mahjong Club** – Meets every Wednesday, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Mahjong is a tile-based game that's been played in Asia for over 300 years and is gaining global popularity. It's easy to learn the basics. Please RSVP at the Circulation Desk.

**CPR / AED Training [AHA]** – The library is offering CPR Certification classes for Adult, Child, & Infant First Aid, and AED on Saturday, March

## Local. Library. Love.

**B**owlby Public Library is pleased to announce that we have received a Digitalization Grant from EQT to update some of our public computers, to expand our Wonderbook and Hoopla Collections, and to purchase smart boards for the Community Room and the Literacy Suite.

In addition to the Smart Boards, the grant will allow the library to purchase two new AWE Learning Computers - one for the Children's Room and one for the Literacy Suite - and four new iPads. The current AWE Learning Computer in the Children's Room has been popular in the past but only provides apps for kids up to age 8. The new equipment expands the age group to 12 years, provides apps for non-English speakers, and there is a stronger emphasis on learning to code, math skills, and literacy skills.

The Wonderbooks and Vox collections in the Children's Room are immensely popular. They consist of a print book with a built-in MP3 player. Some of the most popular titles are falling apart, and with money from the EQT grant, the library will be able to replace old titles, as well as expand what we have already purchased. Wonderbooks recently announced the addition of adult books which will benefit adults with low lit-

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eracy skills and ESL learners. The addition of Adult Wonderbooks will provide adults who prefer a book but also enjoy audio books to have both formats together.

Four new iPads will be made available for patrons to use within the library. They will also be utilized during programming events and in the Literacy Suite.

A new Smartboard in the Community Room will enable programming to be interactive for all ages, and one in the Literacy Suite upstairs will be able to provide additional methods for tutoring and engaging the students who are enrolled in After-school tutoring and Literacy services.

The library is extremely thankful that EQT has provided this financial assistance, so Bowlby Library can continue to serve our community of all ages with new and updated technology and services.



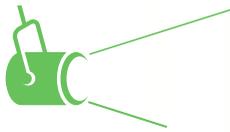
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22nd. The class begins at 10:30 AM. and ends at 2:30 PM. Cost for the class is \$88 and includes training, workbook, Take Home CPR Kit, 2 yr. certification card & manual. Seating is limited so an RSVP is required for all who wish to participate, walk ins will not be accepted. Call the Bowlby Library at 724-627-9776 for more details.

**T.O.P.S.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly** – Is a weight management support group that meets in the Library's Community Room every Friday, 10:00 – 11:00AM.

**Tech Tutoring** – Need help with one

of your devices? We want to help! Call the library to reserve a time-slot. Bring your electronic device, account passwords, any devices you use (and charging cords if needed), and your library card. One of our tech savvy librarians will help you with a variety of technology services. during weekly 20-30-minute appointments. Topics include: creating an email account, creating word documents, attaching files, using premium subscription library services, downloading and streaming content like movies, books, audiobooks, and so much more!



# MOUNTAIN STATE WASTE

From humble beginnings to a multi-state waste management company, Mountain State Waste has come a long way. Since 2020, we have invested in the Greene County transfer station and grown our residential business from about 600 customers to now over 4,500. We are proud to contribute to the community and continue our journey in waste management.

Mountain State Waste founders, Randie Lawson and J.P. Phillips established Mountain State Waste with the goal of creating an environmental services company that was specifically designed for the Appalachian region. All our customer service, finance and other administrative functions for the entire organization are located right here in Greene County.

Greene County has been a great place to do business. Everyone we have interacted with, whether it has been the Perry Township supervisors or the officials in Waynesburg, everyone has been very helpful and supportive.

We are proud to offer our local community top-notch service! MSW provides waste solutions from Commercial Dumpsters to Roll Offs for Construction or Spring Cleaning

to Residential household collection. We even provide 96-Gallon trash carts to our local residential customers in Greene County.

“We are proud to be from the Appalachian region and we understand that this area provides unique challenges in the waste management business that many of our competitors don’t understand. Our laser-like focus on your community, and the Appalachian region is what sets us apart from our competitors, who may get distracted with their operations in larger markets.” – JP Phillips, MSW President.

Additionally, MSW is proud to have a transfer station located in Greene County. It is open M-F from 8:00 am to 4:00pm. The public is welcome to come and dispose of any trash or unwanted items they have. From a few bags in the bed of their truck to a trailer load of

construction material from that building they tore down. We will take it all. Rates are \$70.00 per ton. We also offer a drop-off recycling station that is located just outside of our transfer station. This is free for the public of Greene County. We accept cardboard, paper, plastic and metal or aluminum cans.

Why choose Mountain State Waste over other waste

management companies? One word... ACCESSIBILITY!

“One thing that we hear from our existing customers a lot is that we are accessible. When you call the office, they’ll ring right here in Mt. 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, check out the MSW website at [www.mountainstatewaste.com](http://www.mountainstatewaste.com), or find MSW on Facebook at Mountain State Waste. Give MSW a call at 866-679-2776 or email [info@mountainstatewaste.com](mailto:info@mountainstatewaste.com) to set up service!




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Co-Owners Michelle Garber and Tracy Preston had worked as LPNs for decades and were unhappy and frustrated with how residents at their former workplaces were treated. In 2021, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity presented itself to the duo, and they jumped on it. "Originally, this venture started out as a joke between us," said Garber. "The facility was up for sale and after we toured it for fun, we both knew that we needed to buy this place and make it truly a home, not just a senior care establishment."

Since the facility opened in July 2022, both owners pride themselves on how TGP helps the aging residents during their

final years and beyond.

"We treat our residents like they're our own grandparents. We make it our duty to have this place feel like home to them," said Preston. "Some of our residents have come to us on hospice and ended up leaving as a live discharge from how much they've improved in our care."

The residents agree and are loving the facility and its amenities, including pet therapy from the facility's cats and goats. Two-year resident Melanie Austin was unable to care for herself on her own and is now thriving in TGP's care. "I get everything I need here and my life is so much better," said Austin. "This place is my home now,"



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## West Greene FFA By Aubrey Lesnett

The PA Farm Show is an agricultural event that takes place every January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center. During this event, Pennsylvania FFA chapters from across the state came together to celebrate the achievements of select FFA members. These include freshman jacket recipients and senior FFA members receiving their Keystone Degree. In addition to the awards ceremony, there are various vendors that offer some of the most delicious foods one can imagine, such as the show's famous milkshakes and cheese cubes. In addition,

multiple vendors offer souvenirs, clothes, shoes, and a variety of goods.

When a freshman receives his or her first FFA jacket, they get a glimpse into what the next four years as an FFA member will be like. Getting one's first FFA jacket is a feeling like no other, with a rush of excitement and pride flowing through the recipient.

To earn their Keystone degree, members must first earn their Greenhand and Chapter degrees. By their senior year, they must have completed at least 25 hours of community service, participated in at least 15 FFA activities, and invested a combination of 300 hours or \$1,000 dollars into their Supervised Agricultural Experience, referred to as their SAE.

This year, the West Greene FFA Chapter attended the PA Farm show as they typically do; however, this year was a record-breaking year for the Chapter. The group had the highest number of jacket recipients and Chapter Degree recipients in their chapter's history. Although West Greene is one of the smaller chapters in the state, they had 23 freshman jacket recipients, and 16 senior members received their keystone degree.

After attending the convention, the Chapter went to a dinner together to celebrate their achievements, before enjoying a night of bowling to cap off their exciting first day of their trip. The next morning, they hit the road again to go to Kreider Farms in Manheim for a

tour of their dairy farm, showing the students how a dairy farm really operates, and just how much work is involved in a day on the farm.

Chapter advisor, Karlie Wright, offered this insight on the trip. "The drive these kids have to succeed in this program is truly admirable. They've seen what can happen when you work hard in this program, and you can tell that these kids all value what they've gotten out of it. They all care very deeply about their experience in this program and are all for showing the underclassmen coming up how great our program is. I'm very proud of what these kids have accomplished, especially this group of seniors that I've watched grow so much since their freshman year."



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Julie's idea for the boutique came from her own struggle to find a mother-of-the-groom dress. "Most shops required appointments, which wasn't always feasible with my schedule," she said. "I knew I wasn't the only woman dealing with this, so I decided to change it."

Dresses with Jewels offers a wide variety of formalwear for women and men, including bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, prom and homecoming gowns, and gala attire. The shop also carries tuxedos and suits for rental and purchase. "We want customers to feel they can walk in, try things on, and leave with the perfect outfit—without needing an appointment," Julie explained.

Located in Waynesburg, the shop holds special meaning for Julie. "Waynesburg is my hometown, and I wanted to bring something new here," she shared. "People are always surprised that our dresses are brand new, not consignment. Greene County deserves high-quality fashion options without traveling far."

Since opening, Dresses with Jewels has become a go-to destination for formalwear, but Julie isn't stopping there. She recently launched an online boutique featuring everyday clothing, expanding her brand beyond special events. "Even if you're not looking for formal wear, we've got something stylish for everyone," she said.

With a commitment to offering fashionable, accessible clothing for every size and occasion, Dresses with Jewels brings fresh style and convenience to Greene County. Stop by at **160 Greene Plaza, Waynesburg, PA**, or shop online:

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## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENE COUNTY

### The Community Foundation Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Community Foundation of Greene County was formed in 2000, by a group of citizens with a commitment to investing in the future of the community. The Foundation is the central philanthropic vehicle in the county for donations of various types and sizes and continually strives to serve the interests of its donors.

According to Executive Director, Dave Calavario, "CFGCC works to build a stronger Greene County by working with businesses and individuals to support charitable causes and provide leadership to address community needs by convening people and groups to find collaborative solutions."

The Foundation will celebrate its Silver Jubilee this year with a dinner on June 5 at the Carmichaels Fire Hall. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of a \$25,000 gift to a local nonprofit. The gift is

sponsored by EQT.

The CFGCC is overseen by a Board of Directors, which is comprised of local volunteers dedicated to serving the community's best interests. Their guidance and knowledge have helped make the CFGCC the central philanthropic vehicle within Greene County. They are responsible for mobilizing and guiding individual donors, nonprofit groups and organizations in their efforts to create funds of various types and sizes that meet donor and community needs.

Cumulatively, the CFGCC has awarded over \$2.5 million in grants in areas such as arts and culture, economic development, education, the environment, health, human services, recreation, and religion. Through careful investing, the impact of these gifts is multiplied, and resources are then extended to help future generations.



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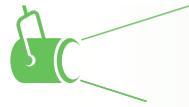
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- Telephone Reassurance: Make friendly calls to those living alone.
- VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance): Support VITA with greeting customers, making reminder calls, or free income tax preparation.
- Food Pantry Service: Volunteer at a local food pantry.

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**Dr. Rumbaugh is a 2ND generation Chiropractor.** Dr. Rumbaugh has been serving Greene County and the surrounding areas for over 36 years. In addition to his father, he has three siblings, one nephew and 5 cousins/uncles that are chiropractors. "I grew up with chiropractic and experienced firsthand the many benefits that could be achieved by chiropractic care. I knew I wanted to be a hands-on health care provider and Chiropractic fit the mold for me. It provided me the opportunity to treat patients naturally, to help them feel better and



return to their normal activities. I enjoy the diversity of treating patients of all ability levels and helping them achieve their goals." Dr. Rumbaugh attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa where he received his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree.

**Dr. T. Curtis Jones grew up in Rogersville, PA attending West Greene High School.** After high school, he attended Slippery Rock University obtaining his bachelor's in biology. Dr. Jones attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa where he received his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree. Dr. Jones has been practicing in the Greene County area since 2019. "I am excited to practice in Greene County and I feel very fortunate to be able to serve the community that I grew up in".

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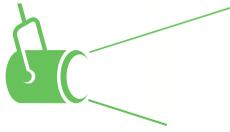


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# WVU MEDICINE WAYNESBURG OUTPATIENT CENTER

## WVU Medicine Primary Care in Waynesburg provides close-to-home access to WVU Medicine's network of specialty and subspecialty care

**E**stablishing a primary care physician and having regular check-ups is an important step in managing a person's health.

The WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center is committed to providing high quality primary care close to home for patients of all ages, including infants, children, adults, and seniors.

For non-emergency medical care, primary care providers are an essential part of the healthcare team. They specialize in diagnosing, treating, and helping to prevent a wide variety of conditions.

The 15,000-square-foot clinic is conveniently located off exit 14 of I-79 at 451 Murtha Drive. The facility includes 30 exam rooms, six procedure rooms, and lab and diagnostic services.

### Primary care explained

At WVU Medicine Primary Care, patients can choose from the following practitioners:

- Family medicine providers, who care for patients of all ages, including infants, children, adults, and seniors.
- Internal medicine providers, who see only adults.
- Pediatric providers, who focus on children's health.

Primary care providers get to know their patients, their history, and their family history; can recommend screenings; and can identify and treat many minor problems before they become major ones.

For patients experiencing any undiagnosed symptoms or medical concerns, a WVU Medicine primary care provider should be the first point of contact for improved well-being.

They provide a variety of services to help improve and maintain health, including but not limited to:

- Physical exams
- Vaccinations
- Routine lab work
- Management of chronic diseases, such as diabetes and high blood pressure
- Cancer screenings
- Well-child exams
- Diagnosis of common and complex diseases of the respiratory, digestive, and vascular systems

"It is important, especially as you get older, to come in and get regular check-ups, vaccinations, lab work, and cancer screenings so you can catch any issues before they become more serious," Darrell Donley, MD, WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center Internal Medicine physician, said. "Having a primary care provider can also be helpful when you aren't feeling well, so you can avoid a visit to the emergency department or urgent care."

### Access to specialized care

When patients need more specialized care, primary care providers at the WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center will coordinate a referral with a WVU Medicine specialist or subspecialist, some of whom conduct appointments onsite. They will work together to provide the best possible medical management of their patient's condition.

Specialty services offered at the clinic include:

- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Heart and Vascular

- Ob/Gyn: Midwifery
- Podiatry
- Urology
- Wound Care

Available diagnostic services include:

- Cardiac and vascular imaging
- EKG
- Lab testing
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- X-ray

### Referrals for pediatric specialty and subspecialty care, too

Pediatric patients requiring a higher level of care can be referred to WVU Medicine Children's Hospital, which provides the greatest range of pediatric specialty and high-risk maternal care in the region.

It is a fully integrated facility that provides specialized, high-level care in areas such as cancer, comprehensive heart care, craniomaxillofacial surgery, dentistry, gastroenterology, neurology and neurosurgery, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, otolaryngology (ENT), pulmonology, surgery, trauma, and urology.

### Fingertip access for care team communication, appointment scheduling, and more

Primary care patients at the Waynesburg Outpatient Center can join the more than 350,000 WVU Medicine patients who manage their health needs with MyWVUChart, WVU Medicine's secure, online patient portal.

With MyWVUChart, patients can:

- Manage and schedule appointments. Request appointments and look up information on previous visits. Online scheduling is available for primary care providers.
- Refill prescriptions. Request refills on medication prescribed by WVU Medicine doctors.
- View test results. Most lab results (excluding sensitive labs) can be viewed within days.
- Communicate with their care team. Send secure messages and photos to providers. Generally, answers are received in one-to-two business days.
- Pay their bill, view statements, and make payments online for hospital and physician services.

### Local care by local providers

"I've served the community as a physician for 26 years now and joined WVU Medicine when this clinic opened in 2019. A lot of my patients have known me for a long time, and I know them and their families," Dr. Donley said.

"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."

The clinics at the WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center are open 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Lab services are available 7:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

For more information on the WVU Medicine Waynesburg Outpatient Center, visit [WVU-Medicine.org/Waynesburg](http://WVU-Medicine.org/Waynesburg). To schedule an appointment, call 855-WVU-CARE.



## SPECIALTY HERBAL

Specialty Herbal Products' motto is "getting back to the roots of healing." Owner Brian King, a registered, practicing pharmacist, started the business in his home 32 years ago, before moving it to High Street, Waynesburg; and then eventually to its current location at 1470 East High Street. Co-owner Lee Ann King, Brian's wife, has contributed greatly to the store via her computer expertise, love of people, business background. Roberta King has been the backbone of the store since the beginning, along with Tamara Cerra, who has provided expert advice to many Greene County citizens over the past several years. Barb Dickey and Beth Frye complete the knowledgeable and friendly staff at Specialty Herbal. Specialty Herbal Products is Greene County's only health food store and carries a large assortment of vitamins, herbs, essential oils, CBD extracts, organic foods, weight loss, gluten-free, and other specialty and natural products. They also sell locally grown/made products: honey, eggs, candles and soaps. Specialty Herbal offers an everyday 15% NOW products discount, 10% Terry Naturally discount, and a weekly senior (55+) discount day (10%) on Wednesdays.

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 goes even further than this, for instance our Curcumin product has 7 times the absorption of normal Curcumin; our French Grape Seed Extract is far superior to regular grape seed extracts because the French grape used provides very low molecular weight OPC's which are much more absorbable; our Red Ginseng has 7 times more rare noble ginsenosides than normal Ginsengs, and our European variety of Echinacea Angustifolia affects the endocannabinoid system in our body and helps with anxiety and stress. Our motivation is to get people who have tried inferior products that didn't work to try our superior 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, Bio-Perine, BioCell Collagen, etc.

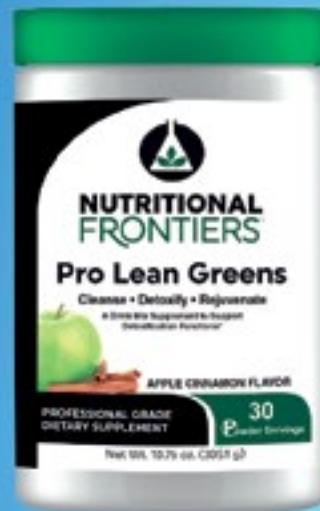
Specialty Herbal Products was on the forefront in the COVID-19 pandemic fight, providing numerous vitamins and immune stimulant supplements. As their name implies, "Specialty Herbal Products" are their expertise, and immune enhancing herbal products are some of the most effective immune products in the world. Traditional herbs proved to be very helpful during the pandemic for many cultures around the world. Specialty Herbal Products brought in a number of lesser-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. Specialty Herbal Products has supplements and protocols for numerous diseases, including Lyme Disease, Cancer, Kidneys Disease, Pain, Diabetes, Neuropathy, etc. If their staff cannot answer your question, Brian is consulted; and if he is baffled, he will research the topic and get back to you. Brian often does telephone consults with people over various health issues and potential drug interactions. Specialty Herbal has numerous herb/supplement information sheets and booklets that are free to the public. For instance, some of their free booklets are: "Beat Cancer Naturally Now", "Diabetes is Optional," "Nature's Remedy to Conquer Pain," "Natural Relief for Stress, Anxiety & Depression," "Tired of Being Tired," and many others. If you want sound advice and quality supplements you can trust, stop in and talk to the helpful, knowledgeable staff at Specialty Herbal Products.



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# True or False: HIV and AIDS are the same thing?

## FALSE!

There's a lot of confusion when it comes to HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). Many people think they're the same, but they're not. Let's break it down.

HIV is a virus that attacks the immune system. If it isn't treated, it can weaken the body's ability to fight off infections, which can eventually lead to AIDS. However, thanks to modern medicine, most people with HIV never develop AIDS. With proper treatment—called antiretroviral therapy (ART)—people with HIV are living long and healthy lives. As an added benefit, people who consistently take effective treatment cannot pass the virus to others.

### Why Testing Matters

There's only one way to know your HIV status: getting tested. Knowing your HIV status is one of the best things you can do for your health. If you test positive, early treatment can keep you healthy for decades. If you test negative, you can take steps to stay that way.

HIV testing is widely available across Southwestern Pennsylvania, with many healthcare providers and community organizations offering free or low-cost testing, treatment, and support. For those who prefer more privacy, at-home HIV test kits can be ordered online for free.

### HIV Prevention: The Power of PrEP

HIV prevention has come a long way. One of the most effective tools available is pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)—a daily pill or every-other-month injection that reduces the risk of HIV by

up to 99% when taken correctly and consistently.

PrEP is for anyone who is HIV-negative and wants extra protection. It gives people more control over their health, helps them feel confident in their choices, and allows them to enjoy their sex lives without fear. However, it's important to remember that PrEP only protects against HIV—it doesn't prevent other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) or pregnancy.

### Support for People Living with HIV

For individuals already living with HIV, help is available. The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides medical care and financial assistance to ensure people can live well with HIV. These services include:

- Emergency financial assistance
- Food and meal delivery
- Housing assistance
- Home health care
- Legal services
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Case management
- Mental health care
- Substance use treatment
- Dental, vision, and hearing care
- Translation and interpretation services
- And more!

### To qualify for these services, a person must:

- Live in Pennsylvania
- Have an HIV diagnosis
- Earn less than 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (For example, a single person can make up to \$78,250 per year and still qualify. The limit is higher for households with more people.)

### The HIV Picture in Pennsylvania

Since the epidemic began in the early 1980s, more than 65,000 people in Pennsylvania have been diagnosed with HIV. While advances in treatment have saved many lives, nearly 42,500 people in the state are still living with the virus today. Although effective treatment and prevention exists, 909 Pennsylvanians were still newly diagnosed with HIV in 2023, with 88 cases coming from the southwestern region.

We've come a long way since the early days of the HIV epidemic, but not everybody has gotten to celebrate these successes. Late diagnoses—when someone learns they have HIV after the virus has already damaged their immune system—are still a problem. In 2023, 1 in 4 Pennsylvanians who learned they had HIV received a late diagnosis. Diagnosing HIV early leads to much better health outcomes, which is why routine testing is so important.

### Moving Forward: Knowledge is Power

Education, access to healthcare, and community support are key to ending HIV. If you or someone you know needs information or services, check out [AIDSFreeWesternPA.org](https://AIDSFreeWesternPA.org) or follow AIDS Free Pittsburgh on social media for updates and resources.

HIV is no longer the death sentence it once was. With testing, treatment, and prevention tools like PrEP, we can build a future where HIV is no longer a threat. The more we know, the healthier we all can be.



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# A Heartfelt Announcement About The Cherry Door Thrift Shop

It is never easy to say goodbye to a cherished local business or community staple. These places are more than just storefronts—they are woven into the fabric of our town, filled with memories, connections, and a shared sense of purpose. That's why it is with a heavy heart that we share the following news: Unless a new owner steps forward with fresh ideas and a dedication to our community, The Cherry Door Thrift Shop will be closing at the end of March 2025.

For over six decades, the Cherry Door has been a beacon of generosity in Greene County, providing affordable clothing, books, household essentials, toys, and tools to those who need them most. Founded in 1960 by the Greene County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the shop has long been a place where kindness comes full circle—accepting donations from the community and offering deeply discounted prices in return.

In July 2022, the Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation, now known as the Greene County Health &

Wellness Foundation, took over operations, carrying on its mission of service. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, financial challenges have made continued operations unsustainable.

But perhaps all is not lost.

If you or someone you know is passionate about preserving this beloved community resource, we urge you to step forward. With new ideas, commitment, and a shared vision, there is still an opportunity to keep the Cherry Door's doors open and continue its legacy of giving.

If you are interested in discussing possibilities for saving the Cherry Door Thrift Shop, please reach out:

Dave Jones – Greene County Health & Wellness Foundation

Email: [jones@gcmhfoundation.org](mailto:jones@gcmhfoundation.org)

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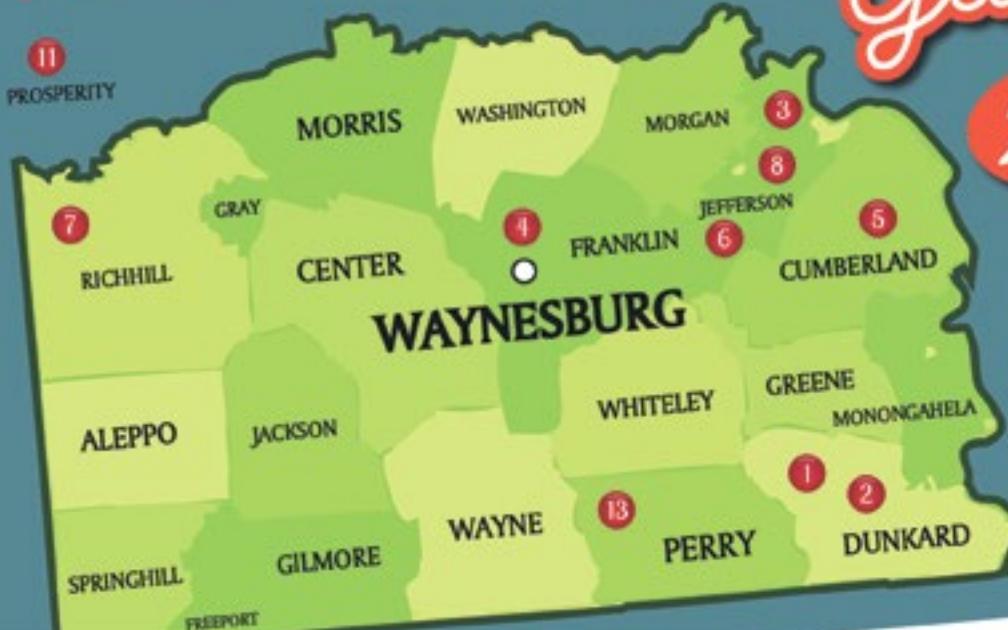
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# Fish Fry Guide

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384 Stoney Hill Rd. Greensboro, PA 15338  
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**Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company (3)**  
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## CFGC Announces \$50,475 Donation from First Federal Savings and Loan to Support Weekend Backpack Food Program

WAYNESBURG, PA – February 10, 2025 The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC) received a \$50,475 donation from First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County to support the Weekend Backpack Food Program. This grant was made through the DCED Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credit program. The Weekend Backpack Food Program provides a bag of non-perishable food to school-aged children in need at each of the five Greene County School Districts, along with the Greene County Career and Technology Center.

According to Dave Calvario, Executive Director of CFGC, “Hunger in Greene County schools has been identified as a problem. While approximately 65-70% of Greene County school-aged children qualify for free or reduced meals (breakfast and lunch) while at school, this allows them to have full stomachs Monday-Friday. But the next question we must

ask is, what happens over the weekend? What do school-aged children eat if there is little available at home on Saturday and Sunday? Lack of food over the weekend causes learning problems come Monday morning since there are so many households in Greene County who qualify for free or reduced meals at school.” According to Calvario, over 250 unduplicated students pick up a bag of food every weekend that school is in session.

“Contributing to the Weekend Backpack Food Program is making an investment in the school-aged children of Greene County,” said Courtney Schroyer, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of First Federal Savings and Loan Association. In addition, Schroyer said, “First Federal is proud to support all of our Greene County schools through this program.”

Andrea Henneman, Food Service Director for Jefferson-Morgan School District said, “I trust and believe in our Weekend Food Program at Jefferson-

Morgan School District. With generous donations from our community and internal members of our District, along with support from the Community Foundation of Greene County, our program makes a sizable difference in the lives of our J-M students. Our Weekend Food Program helps with food security and reduces student’s weekend hunger. At Jefferson-Morgan School District we provide eligible students with a weekly bag on Friday of non-perishable food to take home and enjoy over the weekend in hopes of helping parents stretch their limited food budget. Each bag consists of 2 breakfast, 2 lunch and 2 dinner items along with snacks and drinks for the weekend.”

CFGC has served as the fiscal sponsor of the Weekend Backpack Food Program since its inception in the early 2010s. CFGC works closely with the five school districts, the CTC, and the local community to keep this program funded and operational.

To learn more about the Weekend Backpack Food Program, or how to make a potential tax exempt gift to the program, contact the Community Foundation by phone at 724-627-2010, email at [cfgcpa@gmail.com](mailto:cfgcpa@gmail.com) or go to our website at [www.cfgcpa.org](http://www.cfgcpa.org).

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC), a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2000, is the central philanthropic vehicle in Greene County for donations of various types and sizes. CFGC currently manages over \$8 million in assets through more than 100 different endowed and restricted funds.



(L to R) Courtney Schroyer, Dave Calvario and Chuck Trump

# Greene County Crossword

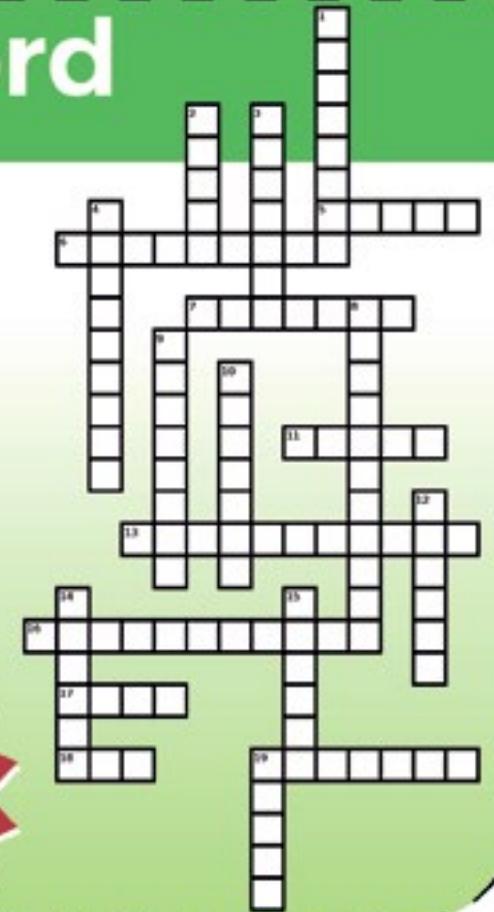
The following answers are a village, town or township in Greene County.

**Down:**

1. Shares a surname with former baseball commish Bowie \_\_\_\_\_
2. Shares a name with a 2012 Pixar animated movie
3. Trail of Tears President
4. Delaware Chief
8. Every day is a wonderful day in this neighborhood
9. An Arthur Miller Play
10. Rory and Lorelai's last name
12. Clueless actress
14. Shawshank actor or local township
15. A Syrian city
19. A poker term

**Across:**

5. Hockey GOAT or local township
6. George and Weezie's surname
7. Anabaptist group
11. "If I Die Young" band
13. The Monkees caught the last train to this town
16. Where the lead singer of The Time might live.
17. Original author of an 1858 revered reference book
18. First name of Homer Simpson's well-meaning neighbor
19. Where one might obtain seasonal apples the hard way



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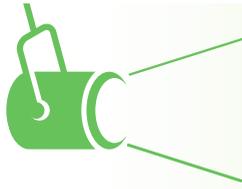
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